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City gets Towers master agreement draft

City manager: Council wants to start from 'ground zero' because of changes

By Joseph Basco
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In a post-two-tower redesign, Energy Related Properties and the city of Midland are back in negotiations, as the co-developer of Energy Towers at City Center delivered a draft of a master agreement to the city on Tuesday.

The 24-page master development agreement drafted by ERP has some proposals laid out in previous agreements between the two parties. Tax reimbursement incentives derived from sales tax and hotel and motel tax and a $10 million incentive from the Midland Development Corp. made it into the draft.

The differences, though, come in the wake of the June 24 City Council meeting in which ERP and other co-developers presented the project's new scope. The meeting was called after council members expressed frustration with not being updated on the two-tower redesign before it was publicly announced and advertised by developers in May.

"We heard loud and clear from the council that we're starting from ground zero on this agreement," City Manager Courtney Sharp said. "Since that project has changed so much from the original scope, council wants a clean slate and start all over with the incentives. The $75 million, including waiving the landfill fees and whatnot, that's off the table."

The draft is in its early stages as several notable components, such as plans for Midland Center and property tax reimbursement, are incomplete. There isn't any indication if developers intend to purchase just the former Midland County Courthouse block and vacated Loraine Street right-of-way or the Midland Center and Midland Chamber of Commerce block, as well.

Additionally, dates, percentages and dollar amounts are all left blank. District 2 Councilman John Love said the city expects to have more definitive numbers from developers by the end of July, which would help keep the negotiations going.

The city has yet to include its own edits or additions to the draft.

Mayor Jerry Morales, Sharp and Love, all members of the steering committee involved in the negotiations with ERP, said the draft has some things they agree with and some things they disagree with.

"What ERP put in the agreement is what they would like to happen," Love said. "Whether or not it actually happens

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LEARNING ABOUT LEMURS

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Aubrey Sloboda, 6, visits with Oliver, a ring-tailed lemur, during the Wild Things ZOOfari educational animal show Wednesday at the Midland County Library Centennial branch. Don't miss Tuesday's edition of West Texas Living for more photos.

Water quality report shows four violations

By Rachael Gleason
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An annual report released Wednesday shows the city of Midland to be in violation of four federal water quality standards.

One of the city's two entry points — which carries Paul Davis well field water into the city water purification plant — tested high for arsenic, fluoride and selenium.

But the report stated that only five residences in Martin County receive the unblended water containing inorganic contaminants. Two are inhabited by city of Midland employees and three are properties with ranch houses.

"The violations do not affect the city of Midland," said utilities director Holly McGrath-Rosas.

Midland water also tested high for trihalomethanes during the first half of 2013, according to the report.

A byproduct of water chlorination, trihalomethanes form when chlorine reacts with naturally occurring organic matter. Levels increased because of the drought and the lack of water moving through the system, the report states.

During a month each summer, Midland uses chlorine instead of chlorine-ammonia blend to remove possible bacteria and viruses from the supply.

The city concluded its annual flush Wednesday with few complaints so far, McGrath-Rosas said.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency requires public water systems to test for up to 97 contaminants and annually reports results to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

No violations were found in Odessa's drinking water supply, according to a report released in late June.

To read the report, visit: http://www.midlandtexas.gov/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/152.

Area economy booming from rising crude prices

By Mella McEwen
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Rising crude prices, lifted to about $105 a barrel by tensions between Ukraine and Russia and unrest in Iraq, gave an added boost to the Midland-Odessa economy in May.

"The impact has been showing up the last couple of months" with a sizable increase in the Midland-Odessa Regional Economic Index, said Karr Ingham, the Amarillo economist who prepares the index for Security Bank and Midland Development Corp.

The effects have been almost immediate, with the index showing much stronger increases over the last two months, he said. The index reported a sharp gain from April to May and is 5.6 percent above last May, he reported.

At the beginning of the year, Ingham and others had expected crude prices to soften a little — before global events in Ukraine and Iraq lifted oil markets.

"The reasons for prices to increase don't much matter," he said. "Prices increase and the industry responds."

He said the result is an already solid general economy that is enjoying more stout growth than expected this year.

"Off we go again," he said, pointing to double-digit increases in retail spending as measured by sales tax receipts, which were 16.4 percent above last May and so far this year are 9.5 percent ahead of year-ago levels.

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TxDOT advises caution this July 4

From staff reports

As people set off on summer vacations and road trips, the Texas Department of Transportation is reminding motorists to use caution when traveling.

TxDOT expects a large increase in traffic as people travel for the Fourth of July weekend.

The Texas Department of Public Safety will beef up its presence to find people who are driving while intoxicated. Those efforts will continue through Monday, according to a press release.

DPS will have troopers in "high-risk locations at times when alcohol-related crashes are most frequent," the department announced last week in a written statement.

The Midland Police Department, however, does not plan to increase its enforcement during the holiday, according to Sara Higgins, the city's public information officer. Higgins said officers aggressively pursue DWIs throughout the year.

Last year, DPS made 1,124 DWI arrests statewide during its increased enforcement efforts surrounding the holiday. More than 170 of those arrests were a direct result of the increased patrol, according to Reporter-Telegram records.

TxDOT funds the effort, but DPS did not include the exact cost.

During last year's Fourth of July holiday reporting period, there were 784 traffic crashes statewide. Of those crashes, 54 people died and 1,039 people suffered serious injuries, said Michelle Cuellar, TxDOT spokeswoman.

Holiday driving tips

Tips for highway driving

■ Obey posted speed limits and drive according to conditions, including rain-slick roads and work zones.
■ Move over when approaching a stopped emergency vehicle, tow truck, or TxDOT vehicle with lights flashing. If safely switching lanes is not possible, slow down 20 miles per hour below the posted speed limit.
■ Keep a safe following distance behind the vehicle in front.
■ Drive with headlights on to be more visible to oncoming traffic.
■ Watch for motorcyclists, bicyclists and pedestrians.

Tips to prevent drowsy driving

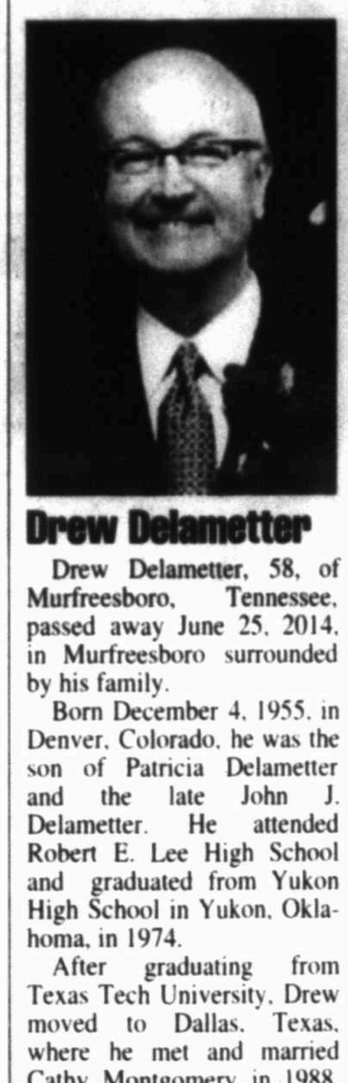
■ Never drink alcohol or take sedating medications before driving.
■ Get adequate sleep.
■ Schedule breaks about every 100 miles or every two hours. Walk around the vehicle, but never leave a child unattended.
■ For long trips, if possible travel with a companion who can share the driving.

Tips to prevent aggresive driving

■ Plan ahead and allow enough time for delays.
■ Drive the speed limit.
■ Don't tailgate or flash headlights at another driver.
■ Don't engage angry drivers and avoid eye contact; call 911 if necessary.

Source: TxDOT

Obituaries



Drew Delametter

Drew Delametter, 58, of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, passed away June 25, 2014, in Murfreesboro surrounded by his family.

Born December 4, 1955, in Denver, Colorado, he was the son of Patricia Delametter and the late John J. Delametter. He attended Robert E. Lee High School and graduated from Yukon High School in Yukon, Oklahoma, in 1974.

After graduating from Texas Tech University, Drew moved to Dallas, Texas, where he met and married Cathy Montgomery in 1988. They moved to Murfreesboro, Tennessee, in 1992 where he was the Vice President of Sales for Samsonite Furniture and later formed his own company, RFI Worldwide Sourcing.

Drew is survived by his wife Cathy; two daughters, Lauren Sutterfield and her fiancé Alex Fleming of Austin, Texas, and Caitlyn Walker and husband Josh of Fayetteville, Tennessee; mother, Patricia Delametter of Midland, Texas; sisters, Cheryl Fagan and her husband La Wayne, Debi Hughes and her husband Paul; and a brother Chandler Delametter, all of Midland, Texas.

Devoted to the work of spreading the gospel, Drew shared the love of Jesus everywhere he went. He was active at World Outreach Church where he served in many ways and was on the Church Board.

Lucy Madsen

Lucy Madsen passed away on July 2, 2014, at her home in Midland, Texas. She was 84 years old.

Lucy was the only child of Jeff and Maurine Allred Christian. She was raised in Ft. Worth, spent many years in Tyler, and moved to Midland in 1983 to be closer to her daughter. Lucy enjoyed a wonderful career as a registered nurse.

Lucy is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Charles and Karen Ward of Houston; daughter and son-in-law, Ellen and Charles House of Midland; grandchildren, David Ward (Megan) of Houston, Erin Ward Byork (John) of Denton, Matthew Ward of Houston, Angela House Palma of Austin, Jeffrey House of Midland, and James House of Midland; five great-grandchildren; and dear friends, Josie Blowe and Lupe Triana.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Carl Madsen Jr.; and her daughter, Carol Ann Ward.

Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home in Midland. Graveside service will be held at Cathedral in the Pines in Tyler, Texas at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday July 5, 2014.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Hospice of Midland, 911 W. Texas Ave., Midland, Texas, 79701; Midland Humane Coalition, P.O. Box 53213, Midland, Texas, 79710; or a charity of your choice.

Online condolences may be offered at *www.ellisfunerals.com.*

W. D. Parker

W.D. Parker passed away on July 1, 2014, at his home.

He was born on July 19, 1932, in Dossville, Mississippi to Dewitt and Dalphner Parker. He worked at Dowell for 21 years and Cardinal and BJ for 18 years.

Winfred was preceded in death by his parents; sons, Gary Don Parker and William Mark Parker; and sisters, Bonnie Ruth Parker and Avis Newsom.

He is survived by his wife, Jo Ann; son, Winfred Don Parker and his wife Pam Parker; grandchildren, William Dee, Wesley Don, Lily Alison; sisters, Clarice Lee and Beverly Cain.

Visitation with the family is scheduled for Friday, July 4, 2014, from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Ellis Funeral Home. Funeral Services will be Saturday, July 5, 2014, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel at 11:00 a.m. with interment following at Resthaven Memorial Park.

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Death Notices

Nyocomus G. Garnett

Funeral service for Nyocomus G. Garnett 35, of Midland are pending at Jackie Warren Funeral Home.

Nyocomus G. Garnett died June 27, in Midland, TX.

Chicago-based firm buys The Clusters apartments

By Cale Ottens
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"We expect to charge rents that are in line with the market rates as well as our competitive properties. We're not out to gouge anybody."

Wayne Vandenburg, TVO Groupe co-CEO

A Minnesota firm this week sold The Clusters apartment complex, just months after it settled a federal lawsuit accusing its parent company of discriminating against people of Middle Eastern and South Asian descent.

The Clusters Apartments LLP, a subsidiary of S&H Realty Management LLP, finalized the sale on Monday. Chicago-based TVO Groupe purchased the 352-unit community and is using its own management agency — TVO Management Services — to operate it.

S&H Realty president Scott Elfstrom declined to confirm or deny that the sale was because of the lawsuit, which cost the company at least $310,000 excluding attorney fees.

The price of the sale was not disclosed.

Midland Central Appraisal District values the property at nearly $21.8 million, according to preliminary assessments for 2014.

However, 20 Midland and Odessa apartment complexes involved in a sale in March were appraised at about $144.5 million. The Wall Street Journal, citing unnamed sources, later reported the transaction was valued at about $300 million — more than twice the appraised value. The Clusters, at that rate, could have sold for as much as $45.3 million.

TVO Groupe plans to invest more than $1.4 million into the property in the next several years, which translates to about $4,000 per unit, said Wayne Vandenburg, the firm's chairman and co-CEO.

Possible upgrades include replacing appliances, flooring and light fixtures and painting the interior and exterior. The level of improvements will vary from unit to unit, depending on each apartment's needs, Vandenburg said. There is no specific timeline but the firm plans to begin renovations as apartments become vacant, he said.

Vandenburg did not confirm or deny that rents will increase.

"We expect to charge rents that are in line with the market rates, as well as our competitive properties," he said. "We're not out to gouge anybody."

The renovations could help restore The Clusters — built in the early 1980s near Loop 250 and Midland Drive — back to its reputation as one of Midland's most sought-after places to live.

"They were the address to be at in the '80s and early '90s," said Rhonda Lesley, association executive with the Permian Basin Apartment Association.

Discrimination lawsuit

Public records show the S&H Realty subsidiary owned the property since 1990. The Minnesota company owns more than a dozen apartment complexes across the country, most of which are in Texas.

Phone calls to those apartment complexes indicate the Midland complex was the only property S&H Realty sold. The Clusters was its only asset in West Texas.

TVO Groupe owns the Pebblebend Apartments in Odessa, but no other properties in the Permian Basin.

Vandenburg said he wasn't aware of the lawsuit against S&H Realty and therefore couldn't confirm it played a role in why the company sold The Clusters.

The United States filed the lawsuit in April of last year, accusing S&H Realty — and Nancy Quandt, manager of a Euless property — of discriminating against and segregating people of Middle Eastern and South Asian descent.

Quandt allegedly used the phrase "curry people" to describe certain groups of people. She told employees not to lease apartments to people of Middle Eastern or South Asian descents because they leave "walls smelling of curry," according to the lawsuit.

Eventually, the Euless complex — Stonebridge at Bear Creek — allowed people of Middle Eastern and South Asian descent to rent apartments, but only in two specific buildings, the lawsuit states.

Between 2009 and 2012, the number of people of Middle Eastern and South Asian descent accounted for about 83 percent of the tenants in one building and 37.5 percent in the other designated building. The average concentration was less than 4 percent in the other 19 buildings within the complex, the lawsuit noted.

S&H Realty settled the lawsuit in January "to avoid protracted and costly litigation," but the court ordered the Minnesota company, its subsidiary and Quandt to pay a combined $317,000 in civil penalties and to compensate victims of discrimination.

The court also ordered S&H Realty to retrain all of its employees — including those at The Clusters and its other properties — on how to properly interact with the public without violating Fair Housing Act laws designed to protect homebuyers and renters from discrimination.

The cost of training and attorney fees were not disclosed in the lawsuit.

Lesley was unaware of the lawsuit, but she said discriminatory practices are rare in Midland and Odessa.

Economy

From 1A

Automotive spending also remains strong, he said, with May spending up 5.2 percent compared to last May, and is up 13.4 percent so far in 2014 compared to the first five months of 2013.

Ingham said construction "roared back into positive year-over-year territory" in May, with the $105.1 million in building permits. That's 102 percent above last May's $51.9 million. For the year, $373.7 million in permits have been issued in both cities, down just 0.8 percent from $376.7 million in the same period last year, which was more than 32 percent higher than the first five months of 2012.

Midland and Odessa officials issued fewer new home permits in May, 123, down 7.5 percent from 133 last May. Fewer permits have also been issued so far this year, 547, down 6.3 percent from 584 to-date last year.

Existing home sales rose in May, with the 291 homes sold — up 8.6 percent over last May's 268 homes sold. Year-to-date, 1,226 homes have been sold — up 0.1 percent from 1,225 last year.

Ingham said housing demand "clearly remains higher than the numbers would indicate," but soaring home prices are limiting sales. May's average sales price of $236,885 is 6.3 percent above last May's average 222,837. The average sales price to-date this year, 235,618, is 10.6 percent higher than last year's $213,071.

Those higher price are keeping a lid on activity as more potential homebuyers are being priced out of the housing market, he said.

"We're not looking at static household income but, again, income is not going up as much as housing prices," Ingham said.

There's no way to tell when housing prices will reach their peak.

Residents have no choice but "to let it play out the way it plays out" and let time and increased housing inventory bring a very out-of-kilter market back into balance because the undesirable alternative would be a significant slowdown in economic activity, he said.

3 dead after boats collide on lake

Associated Press

CONROE — Divers have recovered the body of a woman who had been missing since a boat collision on a Southeast Texas lake.

The recovery Wednesday of the body woman brought to three the death toll from the collision of a pleasure boat and a bass fishing boat on Lake Conroe late Tuesday. The Montgomery County Precinct 1 Constable's Office identified the dead as 30-year-old Leilani Cole, her 29-year-old sister Kristina Cole Frost and Frost's 9-year-old son Jason Frost.

TODAY IN MIDLAND

Things to do

■ Storytime, 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. at Midland County Public Library downtown location. www.co.midland.tx.us.

City pool hours

Doug Russell Pool, 900 N. Midland Drive, noon-7 p.m.

Washington Pool, 1601 E. Indiana, noon- 7 p.m.

Admission cost: Entry fee is $2; kids under 2 are free. For more information, call 685-7356.

Support groups, club meetings today

■ Permian Basin Needle Arts Chapter of Embroiderer's Guild of America, 7 p.m., Barnes & Noble, Paula Millhollon, 520-3250.

■ West Texas Iris Society, 7 p.m., Community & Senior Services Center, 3301 Sinclair. For more information, call 352-5483.

■ Permian Basin Chess Club, 6 p.m., University of Texas of the Permian Basin student union; Steve Dudley, 556-1920; Brian Farrell, 288-7141; pbcc.50gigs.net; odessachess@cableone.net.

■ Children's Service League, 9:30 a.m., Midland Children's Rehabilitation Center; Brooke Mueller, 498-2053.

■ Newcomers Club, 10 a.m., Stephanie Sparkman at 684-3065 or Freida Robertson at 218-72..

Fairgrounds Road improvement meeting

The city of Midland will hold a public meeting today to discuss the proposed improvements to Fairgrounds Road from Pecan Avenue to Loop 250.

The meeting, which will be in an open house format, is from 6-8 p.m. at the MLK Jr. Community Center, 2300 Butternut Lane.

The proposed project would widen Fairgrounds Road from two lanes to five lanes for a distance of approximately 1 mile from Pecan Avenue to Loop 250. The proposed project would provide a continuous five-lane roadway from Business Interstate 20 to Loop 250.

Community calendar

STANTON — The 81st annual Martin County Old Settlers Reunion is set for July 12. The reunion begins at 10 a.m. with a parade through downtown Stanton and concludes with a dance at the Martin County Community Center.

A free hamburger lunch will be served beginning at 11 a.m. at the community center, and supper will be served beginning at 6 p.m. at the center. Supper tickets are $10 each.

For more information, call 432-934-5520.

Know a troop coming home?

Military families can call 352-0785 or email Vickie Gomez (zemogv@cableone.net) when they know their member of the military is flying into Midland International Airport so the Permian Basin Welcome Home Committee can be there to greet them.

Honor those who served

There are many organizations in operation right here in the Permian Basin that are serving all kinds of needs for present and former members of our military. Some of them are:

■ Christmas for Our Troops (620-8820)

■ Show of Support (687-2167)

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■ Midland College Veterans Affairs Office (685-4511)

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■ Soldiers of Today and Yesterday (631-3429)

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Today in history

Today's highlight:

On July 3, 1863, the three-day Civil War Battle of Gettysburg in Pennsylvania ended in a major victory for the North as Confederate troops failed to breach Union positions during an assault known as Pickett's Charge.

On this date:

In 1775, Gen. George Washington took command of the Continental Army at Cambridge, Massachusetts.

In 1913, during a 50th anniversary reunion at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, Civil War veterans re-enacted Pickett's Charge, which ended with embraces and handshakes between the former enemies.

In 1971, singer Jim Morrison of The Doors died in Paris at age 27.

Today's birthdays: Actor Tom Cruise is 52.

State targets zebra mussel smugglers

By Rachael Gleason
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Texas boaters are now required to clean, drain and dry their watercraft to prevent tiny exotic mussels from spreading around the state.

After hitching rides on boats and trailers, zebra mussels — named for their distinctive zebra-striped shells — clog pipes, damage motors and affect water quality.

West Texas lakes and rivers are in the clear for now. But since first being spotted in Lake Texhoma five years ago, the invasive species has spread to more than a dozen bodies of water in North and Central Texas, according to the Texas Parks & Wildlife Commission.

Approved in May, the rules require operators to drain all watercraft — including wells, bilges, motors, bait buckets and other water-intake systems — before approaching or leaving the water.

Rules also prevent anglers from transferring live bait caught in one body of water to another.

Violators will be charged with a Class C misdemeanor for the first offense, punishable by a fine of up to $500, according to a multi-agency group focused in Texas invasive species issues. Repeat offenders could face a Class B misdemeanor, with fines up to $2,000 or jail time up to 180 days.

Steven Harper, general manager of Family Powersports in San Angelo, wonders if the rules will significantly impact West Texas boaters, noting some watercraft drain automatically.

Harper estimates that about one-third of San Angelo's boat traffic comes from the Midland-Odessa area.

"Since our lake filled up, it's been a wildfire with jet skis and (Malibu-brand) boats," he said.

Lake Nasworthy, located about two hours from Midland, was 88 percent full as of Tuesday, according to the San Angelo Standard-Times.

During a meeting in mid-May, Colorado River Municipal Water District General Manager John Grant expected O.H. Ivie Reservoir's remaining boat ramp to close by Memorial Day.

But he said rains added 12.5 feet to the reservoir — which is currently about 19 percent full — and all three boat ramps remain open.

"Memorial Day weekend added nine months of surface water to the system," Grant said.

More information about zebra mussels

Facts about zebra mussels

■ They multiply rapidly over large areas, lack natural predators in Texas lakes and can cause tremendous environmental and economic damage.

■ They damage boats by encrusting boat hulls, clogging water systems used in boat motors, air conditioners and heads and by causing navigation buoys to sink.

■ They disrupt water supplies by colonizing inside pipelines and restricting the flow of water, damaging water intake structures that provide water to thousands of homes and businesses, making water more expensive.

■ They take over habitats from native species, damaging lake ecology and affecting fish populations.

■ They are currently in the following Texas lakes and rivers: Texoma, Ray Roberts, Lewisville, Bridgeport, Lavon, Belton, Lake Ray Hubbard, Lake Grapevine, Lake Fork, Lake Takwoni, the Red River below Lake Texoma, the Elm Fork of the Trinity River and Sister Grove Creek.

Prevent their spread

■ Clean your boat, trailer and gear by removing all plants, animals and foreign objects.

■ Drain all water from the boat, including the motor, bilge, live wells and bait buckets, before leaving the lake.

■ Dry the boat and trailer for a week or more before entering another water body. If unable to let it dry for at least a week, wash it with a high-pressure washer and hot (at least 140-degree), soapy water.

Source: texasinvasives.org/zebramussels

Lake levels report

■ Lake J.B. Thomas is 1.71 percent full
■ E.V. Spence Reservoir is 2.23 percent full
■ O.H. Ivie Reservoir is 19.34 percent full

Source: Colorado River Municipal Water District monthly report

City water usage

■ May average: 13,482,226 million gallons per day
■ Last month's average as of June 24: 13,201,458 million gallons per day

Source: Midland delivery reports

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Oscar H. Arcides, 23, of Midland, was charged Tuesday with theft from a person.

Michael H. Barnes, 35, of Midland, was charged Tuesday with a bench warrant.

Gregory Francis, 51, of Midland, was charged Tuesday with violation of probation.

Michael S. Garland, 23, of Midland, was charged Tuesday with being a fugitive from justice.

Stacie M. Garza, 37, of Midland, was charged Tuesday with possession of marijuana between 4 ounces and 5 pounds.

Ronnie A. Griffith, 32, of Midland, was charged Tuesday with sexual assault.

Tony M. Hernandez, 27, of Midland, was charged Tuesday with evading arrest or detention with a previous conviction.

Jeremiah R. Rodriguez, 34, of Odessa, was charged Tuesday with theft between $1,500 and $20,000 and a bench warrant.

Jose A. Ruiz Jr., 32, of Midland, was charged Tuesday with driving while intoxicated three or more times.

Anthony R. Sanchez, 27, of Midland, was charged Tuesday with violation of probation.

Alfonso T. Subia, 52, of Midland, was charged Tuesday with violation of probation.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

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From 1A

is a completely different story."

The developers proposed modifying the sales tax and botel and motel tax reimbursements by increasing the maximum reimbursement period to 20 years if fewer than four taxing entities contribute to the incentives.

Before the two-tower design, Midland County and Midland College had interest in contributing to the tax reimbursement incentives. Sharp said he has not had indication if the other entities are on board with the two-tower design.

One of the new additions to the agreements made after the council meeting entails having a public meeting or public survey to gauge the public's interest in park improvements.

"If the public is willing, and (developers) are willing to spend, I think we're going to have a good discussion," Morales said.

The proposed redesign of Centennial Plaza includes the option for an amphitheater and a downward slope that leads to the entrance for the west tower's retail space and movie theater.

The draft still calls for allocating parking spaces to the public, though the number of spaces is left blank. The spaces available for public use are subject to reasonable fees, rules and regulations established by the owner of the parking structure, according to the draft.

Developers previously revealed that they plan to make the parking garages, one above ground and one below ground, privately owned. The developers are targeting 1,800 parking spaces, 38 percent less space than originally planned in the original Energy Tower design.

The proposed draft also states the city will use its "good faith efforts" to have a dedicated review team that will examine all the plans required to be submitted to the city. Another proposal is having the city push for an act in the 2015 legislative session that waives the city's sovereign or governmental immunity from lawsuit regarding city funding and tax reimbursement obligations.

The master development agreement is expected to be negotiated for an undetermined amount of time. Once finalized by City Council and ERP, the master development agreement would replace the term sheet, which has been determined by both the city and ERP to be null and void, Sharp said.

City Council still plans to vote Tuesday on continuing or terminating the purchase and sale agreement and its amendment regarding the sale of the courthouse property.

After that, ERP will still have to present a developer's agreement by the Sept. 30 due diligence deadline stated in the purchase and sale agreement. ERP has the option to extend the due diligence period for three months at $100,000 per month. The master development agreement may either become an exhibit to the developer's agreement or become the developer's agreement itself, Sharp said.

Man pleads guilty to terror charges

Associated Press

AUSTIN — A Central Texas man pleaded guilty Wednesday to federal charges of attempting to recruit and support terrorists to fight a holy war overseas.

Rahatul Khan, a 23-year-old University of Texas student, entered his plea in federal court and faces up to 15 years in prison when sentenced, federal prosecutors said.

Khan, who prosecutors said is a Bangladesh-born American citizen, was arrested in June on charges of attempting to provide material support to terrorists. Investigators said Khan was recruiting fighters to go to Somalia for "jihad" — an Arabic term sometimes used to mean a Muslim holy war.

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Ethics fight with Empower Texans leader far from over

Editor's note: Midland's Tim Dunn is the chairman of the Empower Texans Foundation board of directors

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Michael Quinn Sullivan speaks July 17, 2013, to the Midland County Republican Women at the monthly luncheon.

By John Reynolds
Texas Tribune

The usually vociferous Michael Quinn Sullivan, leader of the conservative advocacy group Empower Texans, commanded headlines last week when he refused to answer questions from the Texas Ethics Commission at a 12-hour formal hearing. The ethics watchdog agency is investigating a complaint that Sullivan failed to register as a lobbyist in 2010 and 2011.

The hearing was the latest chapter in an already yearslong saga pitting Sullivan against the state's ethics enforcers. And it's almost a sure bet that several chapters remain unwritten before the final denouement. Here, we provide the CliffsNotes on the story in progress:

■ In 2012, Republican state Reps. Jim Keffer of Eastland and Vicki Truitt of Keller filed complaints alleging that Sullivan acted as an unregistered lobbyist and that Empower Texans illegally solicited money for its PAC. The second complaint is being treated separately by the Ethics Commission.

Empower Texans has targeted both Keffer and Truitt for defeat in recent primary election bids. An Empower Texans-backed candidate, Giovanni Capriglione, bested Truitt in the 2012 Republican primary. Keffer prevailed against a primary opponent this year and remains in the Texas House.

■ After a closed-door preliminary hearing held in the fall of 2013, the Ethics Commission proposed a settlement offer. Sullivan would pay a $1,000 civil penalty and file as a lobbyist for the 2010 and 2011 calendar years.

Sullivan emphatically rejected the offer, writing the word "NUTS" across the last page of the document in place of his signature. The gesture was an allusion to the response that the 101st Airborne Division gave to the Germans' demand for surrender at the Battle of the Bulge in World War II.

■ The rejection of a settlement offer set the stage for a formal hearing before the Ethics Commission. Formal hearings — which only happen after a complaint goes unresolved — occur so rarely that the Ethics Commission doesn't have procedural rules to govern them.

Joe Nixon, Sullivan's lawyer and a former state representative, argued that the lack of adopted rules made the process illegitimate. Jim Clancy, the ethics panel chairman, rejected that argument and said existing law on administrative practices gave him the latitude to hold a hearing.

■ But before the formal hearing could happen, Empower Texans sought in federal court to quash subpoenas that the Ethics Commission issued before the hearing.

U.S. District Judge Sam Sparks heard arguments in March. He closed that hearing expressing irritation at both Empower Texans, which he said had no intention to negotiate, and the Ethics Commission, which he said had issued overly broad subpoenas.

Sparks threw out the case in April.

■ The Ethics Commission reworked its subpoenas. But Empower Texans said the new subpoenas were worse and continued to work to quash them, asking a state district court for help.

All of that set the stage for the rare formal hearing on June 25, an hourslong event highlighted by Sullivan's repeated refusal to respond to questions from the commission.

No matter what the Ethics Commission decides, a final answer on the complaint against Sullivan likely remains far off. He is entitled to a de novo review of the commission's ruling in state district court. If that happens, the court would review the complaint from scratch.

In other words, the two-year-old investigation into events that happened as many as four years ago might be closer to the halfway mark than to the end.

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5 things to know about the 1964 Civil Rights Act

Associated Press

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President Lyndon Baines Johnson signs the Civil Rights Act in the East Room of the White House in Washington on July 2, 1964.

WASHINGTON — On July 2, 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed into law the Civil Rights Act of 1964, one of the most significant civil rights achievements in U.S. history. This new law made it illegal to discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex or national origin; It ended school, work and public facility discrimination and barred unequal application of voter registration requirements.

Five hours after Congress approved the law, Johnson signed it, then turned and handed pens to various key figures in getting the legislation passed, including Attorney General Robert Kennedy. He went on to address the country in a nationally televised address, saying the law was a challenge for the United States to "eliminate the last vestiges of injustice in our beloved country."

In observing the law's 50th anniversary Wednesday, President Barack Obama said "few pieces of legislation have defined our national identity as distinctly, or as powerfully."

"It transformed the concepts of justice, equality, and democracy for generations to come," Obama said.

Here are five things to know about the Civil Rights Act of 1964:

History

The Civil Rights Act of 1964 was not the first attempt by Congress to pass sweeping legislation aimed at ending discrimination.

According to Congress-link.org, legislation failed in the House and Senate every year from 1945 until 1957, when Congress passed and President Dwight Eisenhower signed a law allowing federal prosecutors to seek court injunctions to stop voting rights interference. That law, the Civil Rights Act of 1957, also created the Justice Department's civil rights section, and the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. Sen. Strom Thurmond of South Carolina, then a Democrat, filibustered the bill for 24 hours and 18 minutes, the longest one-man filibuster on record.

That law was followed by the Civil Rights Act of 1960, which introduced penalties for obstructing or attempting to obstruct someone's attempt to register to vote or actually vote, and for obstructing federal court orders in school discrimination cases.

Presendential power

President John F. Kennedy first suggested the Civil Rights Act of 1964 in a televised speech from the Oval Office. He said he would ask Congress "to make a commitment it has not fully made in this century to the proposition that race has no place in American life or law." Kennedy was assassinated before the bill could become law.

Johnson, in addressing a joint session of Congress on Nov. 27, 1963, said "no memorial oration or eulogy could more eloquently honor President Kennedy's memory" than passing the civil rights bill.

Women too ...

Rep. Howard Smith, D-Va., chairman of the House Rules Committee, advocated adding the word "sex" behind "religion" to the original bill to address gender equality. "I do not think it can do any harm to this legislation; maybe it can do some good," he said. Some suggested that Smith, a segregationist Democrat, was actually attempting to kill the bill; He said his intention was to ensure white women got the same protection.

Segregationists and conservative Democrats supported Smith's amendment. Northern Republicans — who supported the bill — opposed the amendment out of fear that it could kill the entire bill. One woman lawmaker, Rep. Edith Green, D-Ore., agreed, saying it was more important to secure rights for blacks first.

"For every discrimination that has been made against a woman in this country, there has been ten times as much discrimination against the Negro," Green said.

Rep. Martha Griffiths, D-Mich., opposed efforts to take women out. "A vote against this amendment today by a white man is a vote against his wife, or his widow, or his daughter or his sister," she said.

The House approved the amendment.

Martin and Malcolm

Because of the Civil Rights Act, two civil rights activists with very different approaches, Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X, had their first and only face-to-face encounter. On March 26, 1964, King and Malcolm X were both in Washington for the Senate debate on the Civil Rights Act. According to Peter Louis Goldman, author of a book about Malcolm X, said the Muslim activist slipped into the back row of one of King's news conferences. When King left by one door, Malcolm X left by another and intercepted him.

"Well, Malcolm, good to see you," King said.

"Good to see you," Malcolm X replied.

They were photographed smiling warmly and shaking hands. As they parted, Goldman said, Malcolm X remarked jokingly: "Now you're going to get investigated."

In his autobiography, King said of the encounter: "Circumstances didn't enable me to talk with him for more than a minute."

Since the law ...

Congress followed up with the Voting Rights Act of 1965, which banned the use of literacy tests, added federal oversight for minority voters and allowed federal prosecutors to investigate the use of poll taxes in state and local elections. The law was prompted in part by the "Bloody Sunday" attack by police on marchers crossing a Selma, Alabama, bridge that year.

That same year, Johnson issued Executive Order 11246, which bans government contractors from discriminating in employment decisions, and requires them to "take affirmative action" to ensure that employees are treated without regard to their race, color, religion, sex or national origin.

The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, created as a result of the 1964 law, came into being in 1965 to enforce federal laws making it illegal to discriminate at work. Most employers with at least 15 workers are covered by the EEOC.

Seven days after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act of 1968, which provided equal housing opportunities regardless of race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status, or national origin.

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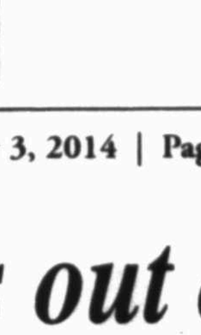
Border issue brings out cold, calculating Obama

■ There are people to make happy and the need to appear tough



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Whenever President Obama acts unilaterally on immigration reform — and it's not often enough — the reactions on both the right and the left are so predictable.

Conservatives will holler that the sky is falling, and charge that Obama is acting like a king rather than a president. They'll insist that, by failing to consult with Congress, he's trampling on the separation of powers, and that he seeks to impose by fiat a makeshift version of amnesty.

Liberals will take a crumb and declare it a steak. Three reasons: They're desperate. They want to pretend that they moved the president to act. And they want to think they didn't misjudge Obama from the beginning, mistaking for a reformer someone who turned out to be one of the biggest immigration restrictionists to occupy the White House.

You'll hear both perspectives over the next few weeks now that Obama has said he is finally prepared to use his executive authority to curtail deportations of illegal immigrants. This would be the same executive authority that Obama and many of his surrogates have spent the last few years insisting that he didn't have. They were afraid of the political pushback. Now Obama claims that he is ordering his advisers to develop a list of executive actions he could take to ease off the deportations of those illegal immigrants who do not pose a threat to public safety, and that he intends to take some sort of action by the end of the summer.

Immigrant advocates — including the "dreamers," those undocumented young people who have shaken up the immigration debate by holding both parties accountable — are giddy at the prospect that they might have finally gotten through and convinced Obama about the need to lessen his deportation juggernaut. They hope that the president will extend the program known as Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), which Obama unveiled in June 2012 in an attempt to win over Latino voters for his re-election. DACA allows young undocumented immigrants brought here by their parents to avoid deportation and obtain work permits for two years. The advocates also want Obama to scrap Secure Communities, the controversial program that ropes local police into the enforcement of immigration law and which the Obama administration aggressively expanded to more than 1,200 jurisdictions across the country.

We'll see about that. Many on the right insist they don't trust Obama because they think he has gone too far in using executive power to protect the undocumented. But many on the left don't trust him either — they don't think he's gone nearly far enough. Both sides have learned not to take anything this president says at face value. This is especially true when it comes to the thorny topic of immigration, where Obama finds himself in a pickle because he wants to be tough and compassionate in a debate that doesn't allow much room for people to be both.

To show that he's compassionate, Obama says he is willing to consider options to lessen the deportations that his own Department of Homeland Security accelerated to record numbers. It did so by eroding the discretion of federal agents and prosecutors, relying on monthly quotas and using local police as a force multiplier.

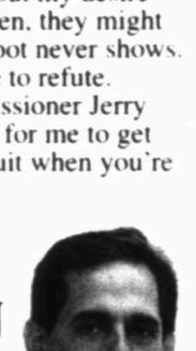
To show that he's tough, Obama appears to be coupling his sudden conversion on deportations with a planned crackdown on the now estimated 52,000 border kids who have entered the United States in the last nine months or so. Three-fourths of these young people came from Honduras, Guatemala and El Salvador. These are dangerous countries where many of them were threatened with beatings, rape and even death. Still, Obama wants to send them back and he's asking Congress for $2 billion in additional funding to speed the deportations of those children.

The president is wrapping all this together by saying that he intends to shift emphasis from the interior to the border. In other words, he is going to stop trying so hard to deport people who have been here for many years and focus instead on removing those who just arrived. Obama is driving a wedge between the "dreamers" and the border kids. Some will stay, others will go.

This doesn't sound either compassionate or tough. It sounds cold and calculating. And that makes sense, considering the source.

OPINION EXTRA

To boot or not to boot; Texans weigh in on this eternal question



KEN HERMAN
Cox Newspapers

Recently, I opined (they pay me to do that) about my desire to own cowboy boots but my fear that, for men, they might qualify as underwear because much of the boot never shows. Though the fact is irrefutable, some of you chose to refute. (Is somebody paying you to do that?) Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson offered sartorial and self-defense reasons for me to get boots, starting with "white socks look fine with a suit when you're wearing boots. Not so much with shoes."

"The convenience of having just white socks in your drawer is compelling. No more 'is this sock blue or black?' as you fumble in the early AM. In fact, with nothing but white socks, you don't even need to fold them — just throw them in the drawer."

Jerry Patterson: retired Marine, beloved state official, haberdashery expert.

He also noted boots are good for carrying knives, small guns, "unmentionables" or "a small flask, giving rise to BYIB (bring yours in boot)."

Boots, the commish wrote, also protect against "various ankle biters of differing species" and end the need to tie your shoelaces. He ended with sharp criticism of Gov. Rick Perry's decision, based on back pain, to stop wearing boots. "Feeble excuse," said Patterson.

"Tell Rick that boots can be purchased with normal heels," he wrote. "I lament the fact that our governor could now pass for a West Coast metrosexual and has embarrassed us all with his sartorial change of direction."

I also heard from John Moritz, spokesman for the Combined Law Enforcement Associations of Texas, who's a New Jersey native who got to Texas about when I did in the 1970s. He also confronted the cowboy boot dilemma.

"Finally, the Texas-born lady who pays half the bills and makes all the rules at my house decided that I absolutely must, MUST, have cowboy boots at this stage of my life," Moritz told me. "So I finally got a pair (you know, of course, that by 'a pair' I mean boots, right?) a few months ago. All of the pros and cons you listed in your column can't be argued with. Even the underwear comparison.

"But you left out one key factor on the plus side: When you're wearing cowboy boots, it doesn't matter if your socks match. So for me, at least, it was $483.78 well spent," Moritz concluded.

Readers Dianne Pingree, Jetty Sutton and Herb Steiner set me straight on something I screwed up in the boots column: Cowboys punch dogies, not doggies. Steiner enjoys my "insightful tomes, even your charmingly misguided opinions about cowboy boots."

"Cowboys punch dogies," Steiner informed me, "which are motherless immature cattle. Folks that punch doggies are, well, that just ain't the Cowboy Way."

I'm glad to hear I also was charmingly misguided on the meaning of punching.

Said Sutton: "Dogies are orphan animals like lambs and calves and baby goats. Ranchers surely don't want many of those because it would mean the mama died or abandoned her baby. So, not that many orphan babies to herd/punch."

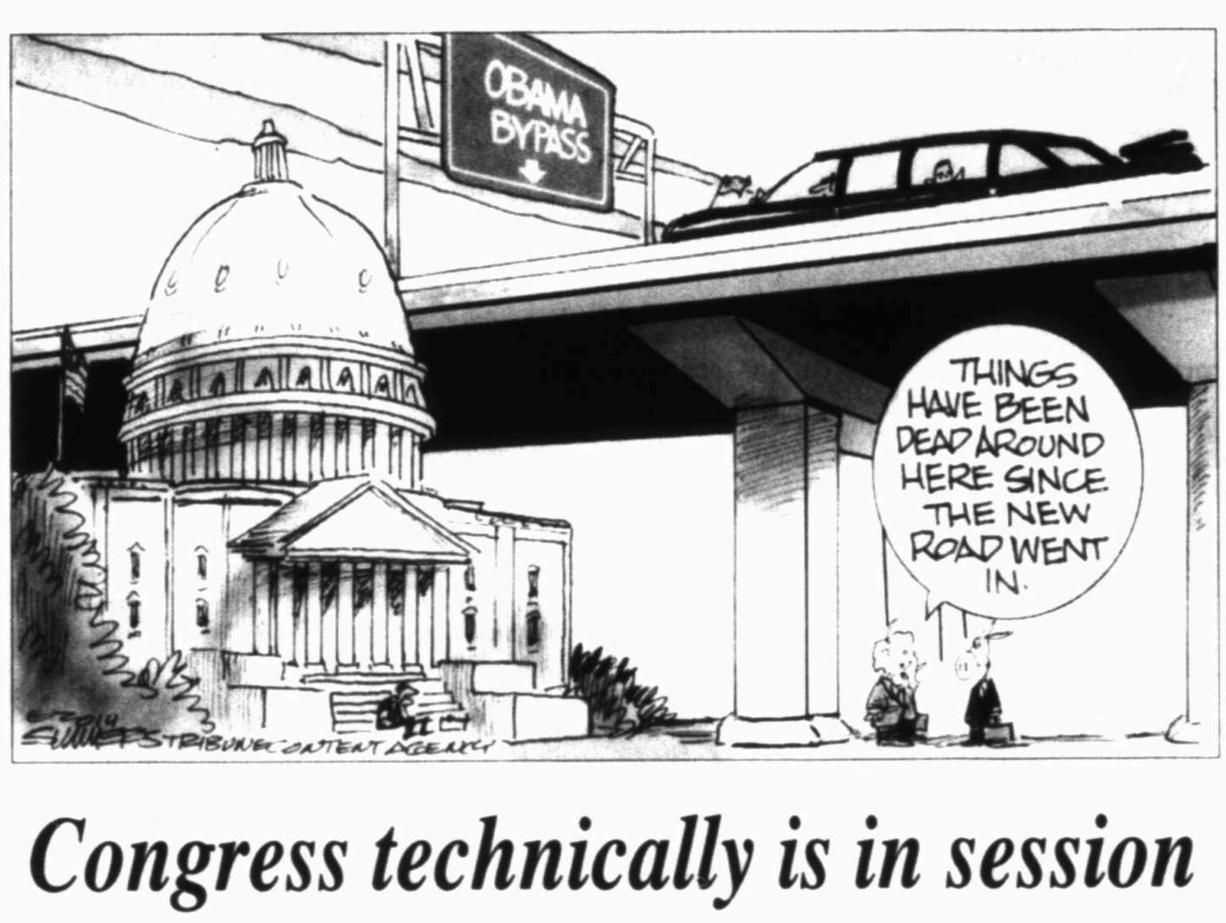
Jim Cooper, 72, sent me tips on boot buying. He recalled the first pair he got in high school. His dad bought them for him from legendary bootmaker Charlie Dunn. Cooper also told me a good pair of boots can make you a better man.

"I don't much like you at all, not because of where you are from, but because I generally don't agree with your viewpoints and don't know you otherwise," Cooper wrote. "If, however, we were to meet and I noticed a fine pair of well-polished boots on your feet, my opinion of you would certainly be improved."

Reason enough.

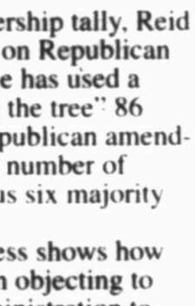
The final words on this topic came from John Kelso, an aging South Austin shut-in.

"I kept wondering where the hell is he going with this underwear concept," Kelso wrote about my boots-are-underwear theory. "Maybe you should open a cowboy boot store called Jim Bob's Secret."



Congress technically is in session

■ Our lawmakers don't adjourn although it's not like anyone misses them when they are gone



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The people's representatives can't agree on much of anything these days — even calling a recess.

When senators and members of the House went home for their Independence Day break, they didn't, or couldn't, agree on an adjournment resolution. So they did what they usually do: They went into "pro-forma session," a status when they are technically working but don't actually do anything. Come to think of it, that's pretty much how it is when they're in town, too.

I visited the congressional galleries Tuesday to catch this week's pro-forma action. On the House floor, Del. Eleanor Holmes Norton, D-D.C., was giving a lecture about Washington, D.C., voting rights to schoolchildren, who squirmed. Nearby, three maintenance workers tinkered with the electronic voting system, illuminating the board that shows which bill is up for a vote.

"MOTION," it said. "TO TEST THE EVS." No objection was heard, so apparently the resolution passed.

Lawmakers are home. Staffers in the Capitol lounge were in open-collar shirts. But make no mistake: Congress is in session.

President Obama made this mistake. He made recess appointments during a pro-forma session, claiming it was really a recess, and the Supreme Court unanimously smacked him down last week: "The Senate is in session when it says it is, provided that, under its own rules, it retains the capacity to transact Senate business."

It didn't seem to matter to the justices that the body seldom "retains the capacity to transact Senate business" even (or especially) when its members are in town.

Obama vented his frustration Monday, condemning "the failure of House Republicans to pass a darn bill" on immigration. He defended executive actions again Tuesday, saying that "as long as they insist on taking no action whatsoever that will help anybody, I'm going to keep on taking actions on my own."

Congress has passed just 56 public laws this year, for a total of 121 since the beginning of 2013. This virtually guarantees the current Congress will be the least productive in history, well behind the "do nothing" Congress of 1948, which passed more than 900 bills. And many of the 121 bills are not exactly weighty.

The GOP House won't take up immigration or unemployment insurance, but it has passed many bills that Obama doesn't want to sign and Senate Democrats don't want to pass, including opening the Keystone XL pipeline, repealing the medical-device tax and 40 smaller items that House leaders call "jobs" bills.

In the Senate, only nine bills have passed in roll-call votes this year (a half-dozen other substantive bills have passed by unanimous consent) and not one of the 13 appropriations bills. The Democratic majority claims the chamber has been bottled up by the Republicans, who in turn say Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid has shut them out of the process. Both have a point.

According to a Republican leadership tally, Reid has granted only 11 roll-call votes on Republican amendments in the last year, and he has used a procedural tactic known as "filling the tree" 86 times in this Congress to block Republican amendments. This is more than twice the number of times — 40 — used by the previous six majority leaders combined.

The difficulty in declaring a recess shows how far things have slipped. Reid began objecting to adjournments late in the Bush administration to prevent recess appointments. Republicans have used the same tactic in the last few years. The Constitution doesn't allow either chamber to be out of session for more than three days without the other's approval, and majorities in both are evidently wary of forcing adjournment votes, which could be seen as voting themselves vacations. Hence, the pro-forma Congress.

On Monday, the House opened for business at 11:30 a.m. — and after 3 minutes and 18 seconds (time for an opening prayer and Pledge of Allegiance) it recessed until a similar charade scheduled for today. The Senate gaveled in at noon Monday and, dispensing with prayer and pledge, gaveled out 28 seconds later.

On Tuesday morning, public-address speakers near the (empty) Senate floor announced a shelter-in-place drill. I poked my head into the secretary of the Senate's office and surprised a man in a sport shirt. "This is my pro-forma gear," quipped a tieless Don Stewart, spokesman for Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, when we met in McConnell's empty reception room.

Lawmakers return next week in time to resolve some pressing questions: Will they have the nerve to declare a formal recess when they leave for August? And will anybody notice that they're gone?

From the Left | Doonesbury

From the Right | Mallard Fillmore

Guatemalan boy left for better life, died alone

Associated Press

SAN JOSE LAS FLORES, Guatemala — Gilberto Ramos wanted to leave his chilly mountain village for the U.S. to earn money to treat his mother's epilepsy.

His mother begged him not to go. "The better treatment would have been if he stayed," Cipriana Juarez Diaz said in a tearful interview with The Associated Press on Tuesday. When he wouldn't relent, she draped him with a white rosary for safe passage.

A month later, his decaying body was found in the Texas desert. Now, the boy has become a symbol for the perils faced by a record flood of unaccompanied children from Central America who are crossing illegally into the U.S.

Authorities said Monday that Gilberto was 11, which would have made him one of the youngest known children to die crossing the desert. But his parents said Tuesday that Gilberto was 15.

The parents explained that they had taken several years to register his birth because of the remoteness of their village in Guatemala's northern mountains. When they did, they had forgotten Gilberto's actual birth date, so they listed the same date as his younger brother.

The boy was shirtless, having likely suffered heat stroke, but still wearing the rosary.

"He was a good son," Juarez said. "May God give me the strength to endure."

Teenage boys seeking work have long been part of the stream of young men heading north from Central America to escape poverty and gang violence.

But the number of unaccompanied immigrant children picked up along the U.S. border has been rising for three years.

Migrants tell of hearing that children traveling alone and parents traveling with young kids would be released by U.S. authorities and allowed to continue to their destination. Gilberto, too, had heard i n Guatemala that if he got in, he would be allowed to stay, his family said.

He was born and grew up in San Jose Las Flores in a modest wood and sheet-metal home in the Cuchumatanes mountains of the Huehuetenango province along the Mexico border. At 6,600 feet above sea level, the exuberant beauty of deep-green hills and canyons, shrouded with clouds and floral bursts of purple and yellow, is a stark contrast to the extreme poverty.

There is no running or potable water and only a latrine in the family home. In the kitchen, there is food, tortillas or wheat atole, an oatmeal-like drink, but never enough.

The cluster of homes where Gilberto lived is accessible only by foot, a difficult walk of nearly a mile along a rocky and often muddy mile-long path through the canyons. Gilberto took that path each way to school, where he went as far as third grade before dropping out.

"He had to work to help the family," said his teacher, Francisco Hernandez, who remembered that Gilberto loved to draw.

More than half of 50 schoolchildren attending now raised their hands Tuesday when asked if they had family in the U.S., shouting, "I have eight," "seven," "three!" While many migrating minors say they are fleeing violence, the biggest threat in San Jose Las Flores is poverty.

IMMIGRATIONBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

MISSION

CBP media campaign to note immigration dangers

U.S. Customs and Border Protection is launching a $1 million international media campaign aimed at highlighting the risks and undercutting the perceived rewards of illegal immigration.

Standing beside the Rio Grande on Wednesday, CBP Commissioner Gil Kerlikowske said the message aimed primarily at Honduras, Guatemala and El Salvador was two-part: The trip to the United States is extremely dangerous, and if an immigrant does arrive they will not be allowed to stay.

"We have to stem the flow," Kerlikowske said. He said that 226 immigrants have died crossing the border since October.

More than 52,000 unaccompanied children have been detained during the same period after entering the U.S. illegally. Three quarters of them came from those three Central American countries where gang violence is pervasive and poverty intense.

NEW MEXICO

Residents angry over housing immigrants

ARTESIA — Residents in southeastern New Mexico crowded a town hall meeting Tuesday to express anger at the opening of a temporary detention center for immigrants suspected of entering the country illegally.

Around 400 people attended the meeting to speak out against holding up to 700 Central American women and children at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center. Currently, less than 200 people are at the center.

Officials fielded questions from residents, including how long the facility would be used for detention.

Residents told federal and local authorities they were afraid the immigrants might take jobs from locals and resources away from American-born children.

"Yes, we need to provide (to) those, for the women and children," resident Ginger Kelly told KOAT-TV. "But I also think ... our government needs to look at our own kids."

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Militants try to tighten their grip in Iraq, Syria

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Fresh from success in Iraq, a Sunni extremist group tried to tighten its hold Wednesday on territory in Syria and crush pockets of resistance on land straddling the border where it has declared the foundation of an Islamic state.

Embattled Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki warned that the entire region is endangered by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, whose gunmen have rampaged across his country in recent weeks. Facing pressure to step aside, al-Maliki said the focus must be on countering the threat — not wholesale leadership changes.

The militant group has fed off the chaos and supercharged sectarian atmosphere of Syria's civil war to seize control of a large chunk of territory there. With its recent blitz across Iraq, it has expanded its gains while also effectively erasing the border between the two countries and laying the groundwork of its proto-state.

Led by an ambitious Iraqi militant known as Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, the group this week unilaterally declared the establishment of an Islamic state, or caliphate, in the land it has seized. It also proclaimed al-Baghdadi the head of its new self-styled state governed by Shariah law and demanded that all Muslims pledge allegiance to him.

Its assault in Iraq appears to have slowed after sweeping across the predominantly Sunni Arab areas and encountering stiff resistance in Shiite-majority regions. But in Syria, al-Baghdadi's group has forged ahead with an offensive against towns and villages held by rival rebels along the Euphrates River in the eastern province bordering Iraq.

Militants stormed houses in the frontier town of Boukamal, rounding up people suspected of opposing them, the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said. The extremist group captured Boukamal on Tuesday, after fighters from the al-Qaida-linked Nusra Front defected.

Al-Baghdadi's fighters also were battling rival factions at the northern entrance to the nearby town of Sheheil, a Nusra Front stronghold, forcing thousands of residents to flee.

The group — which has changed its name simply to the Islamic State — is reviled by most Syrian rebel groups, and many of them have been locked in a bloody six-month battle with it across northern Syria that has killed more than 7,000 people. A few smaller rebel factions have pledged loyalty to al-Baghdadi's organization out of fear or convenience, but most factions in Syria oppose it.

On Wednesday, nine Syrian rebel groups, including a powerful coalition called the Islamic Front, rejected al-Baghdadi's declaration of a caliphate. In a statement posted on Islamic websites, they said the declaration was "void" and pledged to continue the fight.

In Raqqa, the Syrian stronghold of al-Baghdadi's group, activists said the extremists displayed more heavy weaponry believed to have been looted from Iraqi military bases.

A video posted by activists showed what appeared to be an Islamic State leader asking a group of people in a mosque, including children, to pledge loyalty to al-Baghdadi. The video appeared genuine and corresponded to other Associated Press reports.

Palestinians say Israeli extremists killed teen

Associated Press

JERUSALEM — The Palestinians accused Israeli extremists of abducting and killing an Arab teenager and burning his body Wednesday, sparking hours of clashes in east Jerusalem and drawing charges that the youth was murdered to avenge the killings of three kidnapped Israeli teens.

Seeking to calm the explosive situation, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu urged a swift inquiry into the "reprehensible murder" and called on people to respect the rule of law. Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas said it was clear extremist Jewish settlers were responsible and called on Israel to bring the killers to justice.

"The settlers have killed and burned a little boy. They are well known," Abbas said, accusing Israel of tolerating settler violence toward Palestinians. "I demand that the Israeli government hold the killers accountable."

The death added to the already heightened tensions caused by the killings of the three Israeli teenagers, whose bodies were discovered Monday just over two weeks after they disappeared in the West Bank. Israel accused Hamas, the Islamic militant group that controls Gaza, of being behind the abductions, which led to the largest ground operation in the West Bank in nearly a decade, with Israel arresting hundreds of Hamas operatives as part of a broad manhunt.

The discovery of the bodies led to a national outpouring of grief, with tens of thousands of people attending a funeral Tuesday, in which the teens were laid to rest side-by-side.

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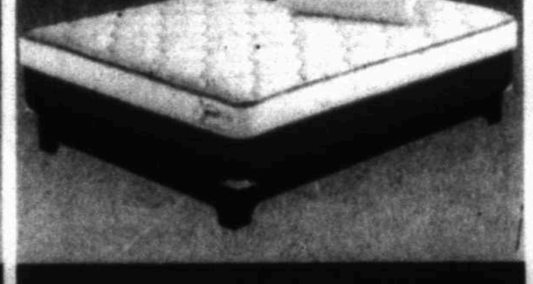

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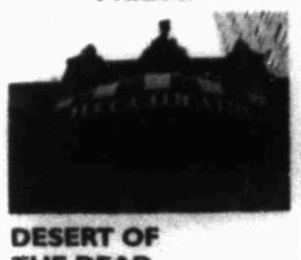

DESERT OF THE DEAD
Boo the villian, cheer the hero and throw popcorn at Summer Mummers.

SATURDAY

KEEP IT LOCAL
Find fresh produce, baked goods, crafts and more at Midland Downtown Farmers Market.

SUNDAY

GIDDY-UP
Tex Mex Barrel Race takes over the Horseshoe this weekend.

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CONCERT NEWS
MISD Education Foundation to announce details of annual fundraiser at Fourth of July event. **Page 3**

MOVIES

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Opening: "Tammy," "Deliver Us From Evil," "Earth to Echo," "America"
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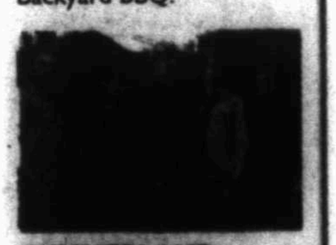
Closing: "X-Men: Days of Future Past," "The Fault in Our Stars"

BIG SKY DRIVE-IN
Opening: "Tammy," "Deliver Us From Evil"
Closing: "Edge of Tomorrow"

STAYING IN?
Find out which movies are worth watching from the comfort of your couch. **Page 3**

COMING SOON

BACKYARD BBQ
Catch The Greencards, Butch Hancock, Hello Wheels and more next weekend at TallTownes Backyard BBQ.



SUMMERLAND TOUR
Everclear, Spacehog, Eve 6 and Soul Asylum stop in the Basin next week.

Holiday offers parade, race, fireworks

From staff reports

With Independence Day upon us, the options to celebrate patriotism are many. From fireworks to parades, the Midland festivities center on downtown's Star-Spangled Salute.

The third annual free family-friendly celebration kicks off with its inaugural Freedom Run race.

Registration begins at 6:45 a.m. at the Midland County Courthouse, 500 N. Loraine St. for the 5K and 10K races. About 100 runners already were registered as of Monday, said Nellwyn Barnett, vice president of Midland Chamber of Commerce relations.

"Each year we want to have something new," said Barnett, noting the run starts at 7:30 a.m. "It seems like a lot more people are taking up the sport, and it's really becoming big in Midland."

The Salute also features a children's sidewalk parade, kid's zone play area, concerts and fireworks show.

Bicycles, tricycles and wagons will line the streets of Midland with colorful streamers, balloons and flags during the 52nd annual Children's Sidewalk Parade.

Registration starts an hour before the 10

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Browns Bar-B-Q uses social media to promote food truck

By Rich Lopez
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Editor's note: The recent City Council revision on the mobile vendor ordinance allowing food trucks to remain longer at a single location is good news for the burgeoning scene in Midland. While food trucks have become a viable part of the restaurant scene in bigger cities, vendors here have grown to signify that Midlanders are open to the notion of grabbing lunch or dinner from a truck sometimes. In our series of profiling local vendors, we look at the menus, prices and locations of these food trucks.

THE STORY

Todd Brown isn't shy to describe himself as the Midland pioneer for food trucks — and it's a legitimate tout. His Browns Bar-B-Q truck has been on the roads since 2004 and has paved the way for other vendors to foster the local food truck scene. Now he heads the Midessa Mobile Food Vendors Association to unite the vendors to have a viable voice in local economics.

"I want the association to be an informational resource and help my fellow entrepreneurs and any new vendors coming in. I want them to know that I'm not here to leave anyone in the dust and I want to help them out," he said.

His passion for creating a market for food trucks is evident, and it all started with a vow he made to his father.

Brown's father in California made and served barbecue throughout his life but in as illness took over in 2002, Brown had final words with his father.

"When I was there, I told him I'd continue on with his work," Brown said.

So Brown left his six-year job as a manager at Cattle Baron Steakhouse in 2003, put a barbecue pit on a trailer and has been his own boss ever since.

A decade later, he oversees two trucks — one for catering and the other for on-site service.

He's been crafty about his business. Brown uses social media to its utmost potential, tweeting his locations and revealing passwords for free or discounted items. He Instagrams his menu items and uses Vine videos to extend his reach.

"It works. I have everything tied in and people want to be engaged. They want to see what we do and see photos," he said.

Now Brown has his sights set on a fleet of trucks. He said there are approximately 50 licensed food trucks and vendors in Midland serving barbecue, Mexican food or a variety of other items. But his plan is to step it up.

"We just formed our LLC and patented and trademarked our log so we're on the way," he said. "What we don't have here yet are gourmet trucks and that's the evolution. Food is my calling but everything takes time. I just have to stay the course and be diligent."

Brown foresees a day where his company would include a vegan truck, specialty trucks that would serve fish and chips and soul food.

For the here and now, Brown continues his father's legacy with an eclectic menu that includes usual barbecue fare, loaded hamburgers and his signature brisket burritos.

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Whiskey Shivers hopes never to find their sound

By Rich Lopez
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With two albums under their belt, Austin's Whiskey Shivers should be easily settled into their bluegrass/Americana sound but member Bobby Fitzgerald will say that is the last thing they want.

"Chasing after is pretty important. When you find it you kill it," the fiddler vocalist said.

The band returns to Midland on Monday to play Basin Burger House. With a slew of shows scheduled, the band is spending the summer winding up to drop their new album slated for September. Fitzgerald has already called it their best work ever.

In the finishing stages, Shivers enlisted the help of musician Robert Ellis to produce the album. Fitzgerald credits him with pulling out the best the band had to offer.

"He made us all rise, and working with him we'd see things coming out that we didn't think we were capable of," he said. "Plus, we're better prepared for this and putting our best foot forward as a band. We plan to push for some radio play and we're just excited for it all. This will be a great flagship for us to sail behind."

With guitarists and drummers, musical heroes might be easily defined. Jimi Hendrix or Eddie Van Halen are usual references for six-string mastery while Rush's Neil Peart and Led Zeppelin's John Bonham are perpetual icons for drums.

But fiddlers?

"OK, off the bat, I'm embarrassingly uneducated about that," Fitzgerald said, laughing. "Especially down here in Texas with all these country and bluegrass bands, but I can say I love Tommy Jarrell. His style and energy, that just roars

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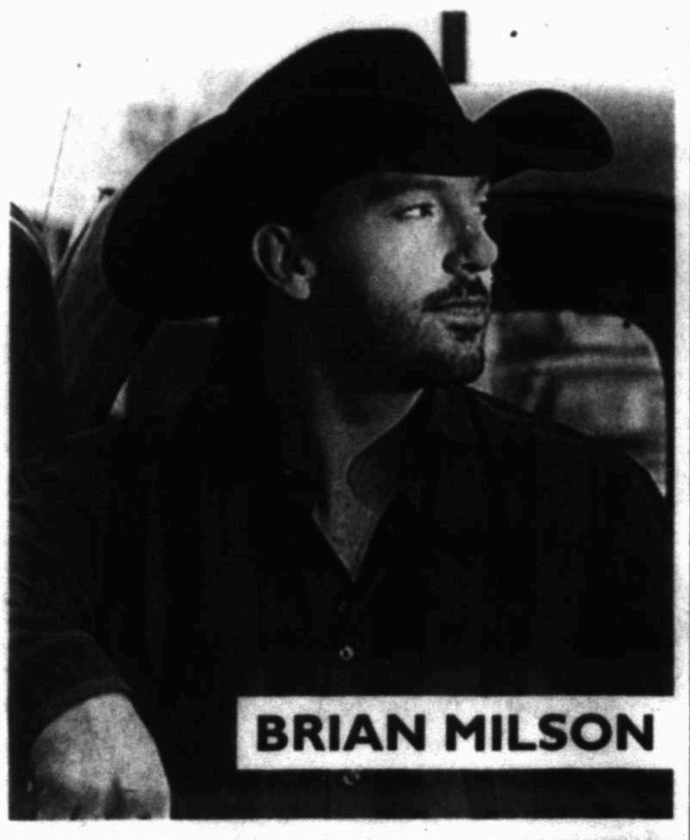
CALENDAR



HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING

MUSIC

Brian Milson, today at Rockin Rodeo. rockinrodeo-midland.com

Scott Schneider, 7 p.m. today at Cafe at the Gardens. 687-1478

Free patriotic concert with Midland Community Band, 4 p.m. Friday at Wagner and Brown Auditorium, Midland College. facebook.com/pages/Midland-Community-Band

Grindstone, Friday and Saturday at The Bar. thebar-midland.com

Pink Flamingos, 8 p.m. Saturday at Basin Burger House. basinburgers.com

ART & EXHIBITS

David Krause, Braden Kalt and James Hieb gallery show opening, Friday at Kamiposi. facebook.com/kamiposi

GAMES & SPORTS

Freedom Run, 7:30 a.m. Friday at Midland County Courthouse. midlandtxchamber.com

Tex Mex Barrel Race, Friday through Sunday at the Horseshoe. midlandhorseshoe.com

Play bridge at Allison Bridge Center, 682-8595.

Hold 'em poker tournaments, 7 p.m. Friday at Woofers and Tweeters and The Detour.

Senior bingo, 10 a.m. Fridays at Cimarron House.

DANCE

Thursday Night Dance Club of Odessa with music by Showdown, 7:30-10 p.m. today at 301 E. 61st St. in Odessa. 697-0281.

Ector County Thursday Night Dance, 6:30-10 p.m. today at North Side Senior Center in Odessa. 337-5281.

Permian Basin Dance Club, 7:20-10 p.m. Tuesday at St. Stephen's Catholic Church ballroom. 520-4343.

THEATER, FILM & COMEDY

Marfa Film Festival, through Sunday in Marfa. marfafilmfestival.com.

Summer Mummer's "Desert of the Dead," through Aug. 30 at Yucca Theatre. summermummers.com.

EVENTS

Star Spangled Salute, 6 p.m. Friday at Centennial Plaza. midlandtxchamber.com.

Midland Downtown Farmers Market, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday at 501 W. Texas Ave. midlanddowntownfarmersmarket.com.

KID-FRIENDLY

52nd annual Children's Sidewalk Parade, 10 a.m. Friday at corner of Baird Street and Illinois Avenue. fourthinmidland.com

Storytime, 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Thursdays at Midland County Public Library downtown location. www.co.midland.tx.us.

Storytime, 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Barnes & Noble Booksellers. 682-8880.

Spanish Storytime and Tesoro Playgroup, 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. www.co.midland.tx.us.

Storytime, 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. www.co.midland.tx.us.

Little Chefs Cooking Class, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center. midlandtexas.gov.

Dome shows, throughout the week at Marian Blakemore Planetarium. www.museumsw.org 683-2882.

"Galactic Golf," through September 21 at the Fredda Turner Durham Children's Museum. museumsw.org.

COMING SOON

JULY

Whiskey Shivers, July 7 at Basin Burger House. basinburgers.com.

Movie camp "Epic," 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. July 8 at Permian Basin Petroleum Museum. petroleummuseum.org.

Met: Live in HD presents Verdi's "Otello," 7 p.m. July 9 at Cinemark theater in Odessa. fathomevents.com.

Tessy Lou & the Shotgun Stars, July 9 at Basin Burger House. basinburgers.com.

Midland Nature 101: Butterflies, 6:30-7:30 p.m. July 10 at Sibley Nature Center and 9-11 a.m. July 12 at Sibley Nature Center, I-20 Wildlife Preserve and CAF Water-Wise Garden. 853-9453.

Brant Travis, The Rocking Piano Man, 7 p.m. at Cafe at the Gardens. 687-1478.

The Crooks, 8 p.m. July 10 at Basin Burger House. basinburgers.com.

Mommy & Me & Nature, 10-11 a.m. July 10 at Sibley Nature Center. sibley-naturecenter.org.

"RiffTrax Live: Sharknado" film screening, July 10 and July 15 at Regal Tall City Stadium 14. fathomevents.com.

Summerland Tour with Everclear, Soul Asylum, Eve 6 and Spacehog, 8 p.m. July 10 at La Hacienda. summerlandtour.net.

Shooters That SHARE 3rd annual Clay Shoot, 9 a.m. July 11 at Windwalkers Sporting Clays in Stanton. Benefits SHARE. spc.convio.net/shootersthatshare.

"Katie Maratta" exhibit opening, July 11 at Museum of the Southwest. museumsw.org.

"Jumping Giants," 8 p.m. July 11 at Noel Plaza in Odessa. mainstreetodessa.com/hotsummer.

Mini Day Camp: Bizarre Birds, July 11 at Sibley Nature Center. sibleynaturecenter.org.

Family Friday: Artful Words and Storytelling, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. July 11 at Museum of the Southwest. museumsw.org.

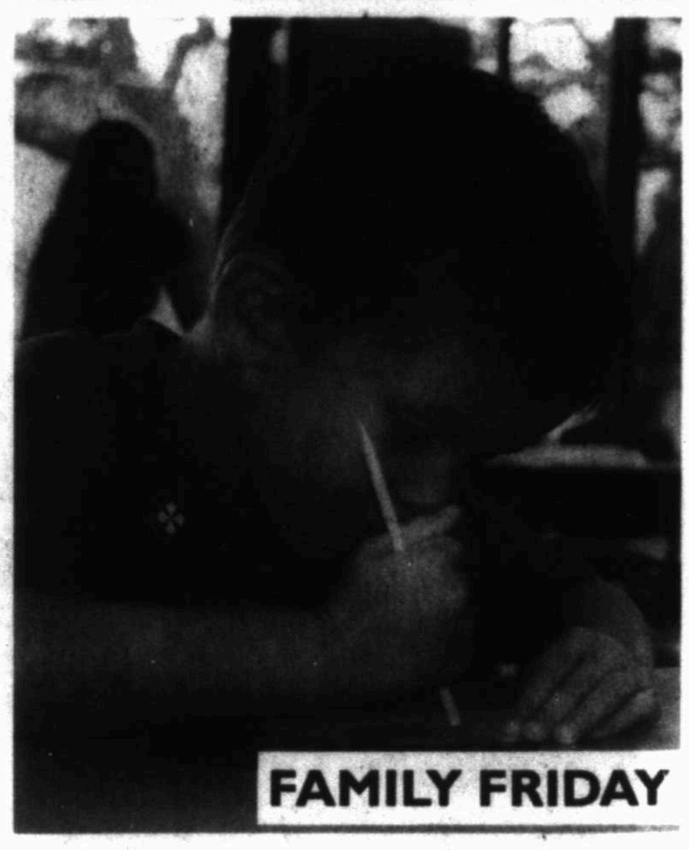
Science class "Powered by Energy," July 11 at Permian Basin Petroleum Museum. petroleummuseum.org.

MAP Monster Trucks, July 11-12 at Ector County Coliseum. ectorcountycoliseum.org.

Pickwick Players present "42nd Street," July 11-19 at Midland Community Theatre. mctmidland.org.

Old Settlers Reunion, July 12 in downtown Stanton. 934-5520.

Storyteller Eric Strong, 2 p.m. July 12 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. co.midland.tx.us/lib.



E Flat Porch Band, 4 p.m. July 12 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

West Texas Treasure Hunters Expo, July 12 at the Horseshoe. midlandhorseshoe.com.

TallTownes Backyard BBQ, July 12 at KD's Bar-B-Q. talltownes.com.

Rory Payne, 7:30 p.m. July 13 at Museum of the Southwest. museumsw.org/lawn-concerts.

Matt Maher, 6 p.m. July 13 at Cimarex Energy Pavillion. milb.com.

Movie camp: "The Croods," 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. July 15 at Permian Basin Petroleum Museum. petroleummuseum.org.

Midland Opera Theater DVD party "The Magic Flute," 5:30 p.m. July 15 at Blakemore Planetarium. midlandoperatheater.org.

Met: Live in HD presents Baroque pastiche "The Enchanted Island," 7 p.m. July 16 at Cinemark theater in Odessa. fathomevents.com.

Laura Bush Literacy Program free reading event, 4:30-5:30 p.m. July 17 at The George W. Bush Childhood Home. bushchildhoodhome.org.

Jason Eady, 7:30 p.m. July 17 at Basin Burger House. basinburgers.com.

Science class: "Master of Disaster," July 18 at Permian Basin Petroleum Museum. petroleummuseum.org.

"Quebe Sisters Band," 8 p.m. July 18 at Noel Plaza in Odessa. mainstreetodessa.com/hotsummer.

Movie in the Park "Jurassic Park," July 18 at Hogan Park. midlandtexas.gov.

Mini Day Camp: Mammal Madness, July 18 at Sibley Nature Center. sibley-naturecenter.org.

Family Friday: Color Me Creative — Travel Edition, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. July 18 at Museum of the Southwest. museumsw.org.

West Texas Salseros' West Texas Salsa Festival, 8 p.m. July 18 and 1-4 p.m. July 19 at DoubleTree Ballroom. facebook.com/westtexassalseros.wts.

Herman's Hermits, starring Peter Noone, July 18 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

"The Tempest," July 18-26 at The Globe Theatre in Odessa. globesw.org.

Boulevard Night Car Show, July 19 at the Horseshoe. midlandhorseshoe.com.

Kid's Half Pint Triathlon, 10:30 a.m. July 19 at the YMCA. midlandymca.org.

Odessa Celtic Concerts, July 19 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

"Falsettos," production by Mark 10 Theatricals, July 19-28 at Black Box theater in Odessa. mark10theatricals.com.

"Monty Python Live (mostly)" screening, 1:30 p.m. July 20, 7:30 p.m. July 23 and July 24 at Regal Tall City 14. fathomevents.com.

Permian Basin Bridal Association Bridal Show, 8 a.m.-11 p.m. July 20 at Midland Center. themidland-center.com.

JazzBird, 7:30 p.m. July 20 at Museum of the Southwest. museumsw.org/lawn-concerts.

Ringling Brothers Circus, July 21-27 at Ector County Coliseum. ectorcountycoliseum.org

Movie camp: "The Jungle Book," 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. July 22 at Permian Basin Petroleum Museum. petroleummuseum.org.

The O's, 8 p.m. July 23 at Basin Burger House. basinburgers.com.

Shane Smith & the Saints, 8 p.m. July 24 at Basin Burger House. basinburgers.com.

Josh Wilson free concert benefitting MOSC, 7:30 p.m. July 24 at Lawndale Park in Odessa. betenbough.com.

Viva Big Bend Music Festival, July 24-27 in Far West Texas. vivabigbend.com.

Family Friday: Crafty Upcycling, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. July 25 at Museum of the Southwest. museumsw.org.

Mini Day Camp: Amazing Archaeology, July 25 at Sibley Nature Center. sibley-naturecenter.org.

"Into the Woods" produced by MRRRP Productions, July 25-Aug. 2 at Genesis Center of the Permian Basin. mrrrpproductions@gmail.com.

Insufficient Funds, 8 p.m. July 25 at Noel Plaza in Odessa. mainstreetodessa.com/hotsummer.

SciFriday: "Looper," 8:15 p.m. July 25 at the Marian West and William Blanton Blakemore Planetarium. museumsw.org.

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MUSIC & MOVIES

SHIVERS

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for me. But the fiddle will have its day."

Fitzgerald did cite a contemporary who he ended up joining onstage more than once.

"As I got more into my music, Old Crow Medicine Show was a big influence on me and then I got to play with Ketch (Secor) a couple of times which was surreal and scary and exciting. I think my playing had been leading up to that really, and the payoff is exciting."

And perhaps even more so as Americana and bluegrass music has undergone resurgence in recent years. Fitzgerald philosophizes how the music speaks to an optimistic simplicity.

"This music centers on acknowledging life is hard and you gotta deal with (expletive), but we have family and community that brings us out of that," he said. "People can relate to that and the music tells us that if we're in the hardest fight of our life that it's OK to sometimes forget about it, dance and have a few drinks. Sometimes we forget that."

Speaking of drinks, as a member of the Whiskey Shivers, Fitzgerald revealed insights to his whiskey tastes.

"I like it straight and cheap. Just take that shot, get that shiver and cross the line into a wild night," he said.

Whiskey Shivers at Basin Burger House, 607 N Colorado St. 8 p.m. Monday. whiskeyshivers.com.

LIVE WIRE

MIDLAND & ODESSA

3 Jason Boland & The Stragglers, Jonny Burke @ Graham Central Station
3 Southbound 35, Blue Cats @ Lone Star Bar
3 Brian Milson @ Rockin Rodeo
4 Dan Fruehauf @ Ranchland Hills
4 Loudfinger @ The Detour
4 Cory Morrow, Blue Cats @ Downtown Odessa 4th of July
4 Texas Cadillac Jack Band @ Lone Star Bar
4 Buggaboo @ Redneck's
4-5 Chrome Molly @ Your Place
4-5 Grindstone @ The Bar
5 Noel Olivas @ Lone Star Bar
5 Stoneface Cowboys @ Redneck's
6 Blue Cats @ Riley's
7 Whiskey Shivers @ Basin Burger House
8 Showdown @ Permian Basin Dance Club
9 Justin Langston @ Saltgrass
9 Big Perk @ Jesus Connection Chirch
9 Tessy Lou and the Shotgun Stars @ Basin Burger House
9 Chris Brazeal Band @ Rockin Rodeo
13 Matt Maher @ Cimarex Energy Pavillion

LUBBOCK

15 Chevelle @ Lone Star Events Center

DFW

4 Willie's annual Fourth of July Picnic with Willie Nelson, Dierks Bentley, Josh Abbott Band, Ryan Bingham, Johnny Bush & The Bandeleros, David Allan Coe, Lukas Nelson & Promise Of The Real, Ray Wylie Hubbard, Paula Nelson Band, Amber Digby, Insects Vs. Robots, Folk Uke, Jamey Johnson @ Billy Bob's Texas

NEW MEXICO

19 Skillet @ Inn Of The Mountain Gods
20 Easton Corbin @ Inn Of The Mountain Gods
26 Ottmar Liebert & Luna Negra @ Inn of the Mountain Gods

MISD Foundation to announce concert details

From staff reports

The Midland Education Foundation will announce the featured performer for its Oct. 9 concert — the seventh annual Concert for Kids — during Friday's Star Spangled Salute.

Members of the Education Foundation Board will make the announcement and provide instructions on how to win four VIP tickets for the October concert at Chap Center.

Previous headliners include Doobie Brothers, Styx and Three Dog Night.

Tickets will be on sale at the Midland ISD administration building. Those interested in sponsor tables should contact Peggy Kuss at 685-9557.

True story of couple on crime spree steals top pick

Reeled Stream

By Nancy Adamson | nadamson@mrt.com

PICK O' THE WEEK

"Rob the Mob" (R) Director Raymond De Felitta, whose underrated "City Island" stole my heart in 2009, does it again with this finely-crafted true story. **A-**

ICK! O' THE WEEK

"300: Rise of an Empire" (R) The gobs of blobs of blood designed to thrill audiences in the super slo-mo fight scenes in the 3D theatrical version are a joke in plain old 2D and that's just the start of this sequel's troubles. Many critics thought this film was better than 2006's "300." Obviously, I am not one of them. **D+**

MORE REVIEWS

"Blood Ties" (R) Old school cop drama isn't perfect, but Clive Owen and an all-star cast lend a ton of credibility. Seeing the 1970s style costumes, cars and hairstyles is a thrilling bonus. **B+**

"Blood Widow" (R) Cliche-riddled horror film is more interested in looking good than being good. It is neither. **C-**

"Callfornia Scheming" (R) Derivative plot builds the suspense nicely, but never delivers the punch. **B-**

"Camp Dread" (R) Low-budget rip-off of the "Friday the 13th" series would have been a lot better if it had taken its tribute and added its own creative touches. It was apparently incapable of that. **C-**

"Capital" (R) Who would have thought a movie about a French bank president would be so interesting? **B**

"Enemy" (R) From the acting to the muted sepia of the look, absolutely everything works in this doppelganger thriller. That is right up until the ridiculous ending. **C+**

"A Fighting Man" (R) Sincere performances highlight this otherwise below-average boxing film. **C+**

"Repentance" (R) Watching this drama evolve into a ghost story has the desired creepy effect. **B**

"Winter's Tale" (PG-13) The elements just fail to converge in this good vs. evil fantasy tale, and with the exception of Will Smith playing a certain underworld overlord, the cast is stiff and thoroughly unconvincing. **C**

"Wolf Creek 2" (R) While an admitted but reluctant fan of some torture porn movies, such as the "Saw" series, this was way over the top save for its nifty idea of making the killer a redneck Aussie. **C**

IN THEATERS

22 Jump Street (R) Two undercover cops try to crack a new case at the local college. With Jonah Hill, Channing Tatum and Peter Stormare.

The Amazing Spider-Man 2 (PG-13) The wall-crawling superhero Spider-Man tries to balance his ordinary life as Peter Parker with his extraordinary responsibilities, while confronting powerful new enemies. Andrew Garfield, Emma Stone, Jamie Foxx and Dane DeHaan. In 3-D and Imax.

Deliver Us From Evil (R) A New York police officer joins forces with an unconventional priest to investigate a series of disturbing and inexplicable crimes. With Eric Bana, Edgar Ramirez and Olivia Munn.

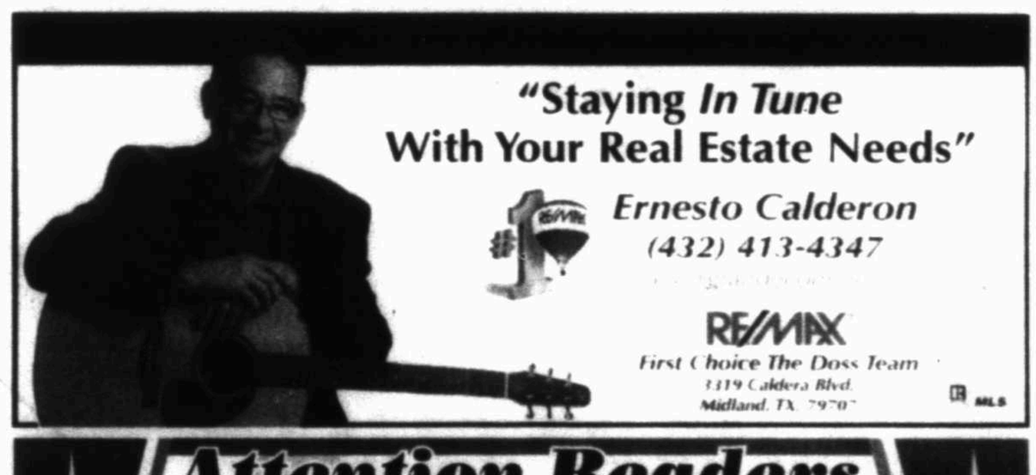
Earth to Echo (PG) After a construction project begins in their neighborhood, three boys start to receive strange coded messages on their cellphones, and their investigation brings them into contact with an extraterrestrial who needs their help. With Teo Halm, Brian "Astro" Bradley and Reese Hartwig.

Jersey Boys (R) Four young men from the wrong side of the tracks in New Jersey come together to form the '60s rock group the Four Seasons in this adaptation of the Tony-winning musical. With John Lloyd Young, Erich Bergen, Michael Lomenda and Vincent Piazza. Written by Marshall Brickman and Rick Elice. Directed by Clint Eastwood.

How to Train Your Dragon 2 (PG) A young Viking and his faithful dragon must protect both their kind from a power-hungry conqueror in this sequel to the 2010 animated film. With the voices of Jay Baruchel, Gerard Butler, Kit Harington and Cate Blanchett.

Maleficent (PG) A retelling of the classic "Sleeping Beauty" tale from the perspective of the villainess Maleficent, who suffered a betrayal that turned her once-pure heart to stone. With Angelina Jolie, Sharlto Copley, Elle Fanning and Sam Riley.

Think Like a Man Too (PG-13) A group of couples gather for a wedding in Las Vegas, but their plans for a romantic weekend go awry in this sequel to the 2012 movie "Think Like a Man." With Michael Ealy, Kevin Hart, Meagan Good and Taraji P. Henson. Written by Keith Merryman and David A. Newman. Directed by Tim Story.



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CIRCULATION HOURS
Customer Service calls will be taken July 4th from 7 AM to 11 AM only.

We will re-open Monday, July 7th for regular business hours.

FOURTH OF JULY

FOURTH

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a.m. parade in the parking lot north of the Wall Street Lofts. The parade will travel west on Texas Avenue, north on North Main Street, west on Ohio Avenue, south on Colorado Avenue and east on Texas Avenue into Centennial Plaza.

The food court, opening at 5 p.m., is the only part of the celebration that isn't free, Barnett said.

A Kid's Zone play area will feature complimentary bounce houses, face painting, graffiti wall and temporary tattoos starting at 6 p.m. at the Midland Center, which also has a "cool zone."

"This is July in West Texas," she said.

A pre-show doo-wop concert starts an hour before the 8:25 p.m. main attraction featuring up to 20 performers and a variety of musical styles.

Lastly, a fireworks show viewable from Centennial Plaza will light up the West Texas skies shortly before 10 p.m. The no-entry launch site is located in the parking lot north of the post office on Wall Street.

"All you need are your lawn chairs," Barnett said.

Although the parade has taken place for more than five decades, this is only the third year for the Midland Chamber of Commerce and sponsors to hold the Star-Spangled Salute in its current format. About 12,000 Midlanders attended the first year and 14,000 the second, Barnett said.

The chamber is confident the recent population boom will offset the holiday falling on Friday, said Barnett. She is hoping for another 14,000 this year.

For more information and maps, visit fourthinmidland.com.

FOURTH FESTIVITIES

Star-Spangled Salute schedule

Morning activities

6:45 a.m. - Registration starts for the Freedom Run at the Midland County Courthouse, 500 N Loraine St.

7:30 a.m. - Freedom Run race begins

9 a.m. - Registration starts for the 52 annual Children's Sidewalk Parade

10 a.m. - Children's Sidewalk Parade begins at Texas Avenue and North Main Street.

Evening activities

5 p.m. - Food court opens

6 p.m. - Kid's Zone opens

7:30 p.m. - Pre-show "doo-wop" concert

8:25 p.m. - Main concert featuring variety of musical styles and performers

9:55 p.m. - Fireworks show

Other options

July 4th Silent Summer Cinema and Musical Celebration

First United Methodist Church will screen a Laurel and Hardy silent short with accompaniment by organist John Tidmore. Following the film, Tidmore will perform a show of celebratory, patriotic music. The event is free and open to the public.

Noon. 300 N. Main St. firstmethodistmidland.com.

Patriotic concert

The Midland Community Band will perform traditional patriotic music to celebrate Independence Day. The event is free and open to the public.

4 p.m. Midland College Allison Fine Arts Building, 3600 N. Garfield St.

Tex-Mex Barrel Racing Fourth Annual Freedom Classic

Events run throughout the weekend, but Friday will feature exhibitions only from 1-8 p.m. with competitions Saturday and Sunday. Exhibitions are $5-$10.

July 4-6. Horseshoe Arena, 2514 Arena Trail.

July Celebration and Fireworks Show

For an added soccer fix to the World Cup, the Midland/Odessa Sockers FC will play the Austin Aztex on Saturday for the annual Scharbauer Sports Complex show. Tickets are $7-$9.

July 5 at 7:30 p.m., doors at 6:30 p.m. Grande Communications Stadium, 5514 Champions Drive.

Regular events

How will the holiday affect your weekend plans? Here is an update on regularly scheduled events.

■ Summer Mummers at the Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado Ave. at 8 p.m. summermummers.com.

■ Midland Downtown Farmers Market, 501 W. Texas Ave. 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. midlanddowntownfarmersmarket.com.

■ Saturday storytime at Barnes and Noble Booksellers. 2617 West Loop 250 N at 10:30 a.m.

Odessa's Firecracker Fandango

Main Street Odessa hosts this community-wide festival which opens at 10 a.m. with the Jaycees' Independence Day parade starting at Odessa College. At 3 p.m., the festival opens featuring food vendors, children's activities and the Little Miss Firecracker Fandango pageant. Live music will feature country singer Cory Morrow and Tejano band La Mafia. The Fireworks Spectacular begins at 10 p.m. $18.

In downtown Odessa. Westtexastix.com.

Big Spring's Pops in the Park

Big Spring celebrates with its 17th Annual Pops in the Park show today featuring pre-show entertainment by AC and the Heaters at 6 p.m. The night culminates with a fireworks display accompanied by the Big Spring Symphony and Chorus.

6 p.m. July 3. Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater, 310 Nolan, Big Spring. Bigspringchamber.com.

DINING

MRT file photo

Todd Brown, owner of Brown's Bar-B-Q, gets his wood started Wednesday as he prepares for the lunch crowd at his barbecue trailer on A Street.

BROWNS

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Brown also makes his own rub, seasoning and sauce.

"It's an art and I know the craft," he said.

THE MENU

Brown has an extensive menu but he points out his best sellers include the ribeye steak sandwich, fish tacos and ribs. He's particularly proud of the brisket burritos. And rightfully so.

"The burrito is six ounces of lean brisket with my sauce in a toasted tortilla," he said.

His sandwiches are all served with his specialty barbecue sauce. His burgers range from plain to loaded with the usual accoutrements of lettuce, pickles, tomatoes and choice of dressing.

His fish sandwich is a toasted bun with cayenne cream sauce, homemade cole slaw relish with grilled or fried tilapia.

The menu also includes street tacos made with beef or chicken on corn tortillas with pico, cheese and salsa

Sides include steak fries, cole slaw, potato salad and pinto beans.

Brown describes the cuisine as Kansas City style with tangy options.

THE CREW

"It's just been me and my wife, Erica. She's been working with me for the last three years and she's just the greatest," Brown said.

THE PRICES

Brown revealed that prices may fluctuate to accommodate market standards but he lists average prices for some of his menu items. The prices listed below are subject to change.

Burritos - $5 and up.

Burgers - $3-$7.

Ribeye steak sandwich served with grilled onions and jalapenos - $8.

Drinks include bottled water and canned sodas - $1-$2.

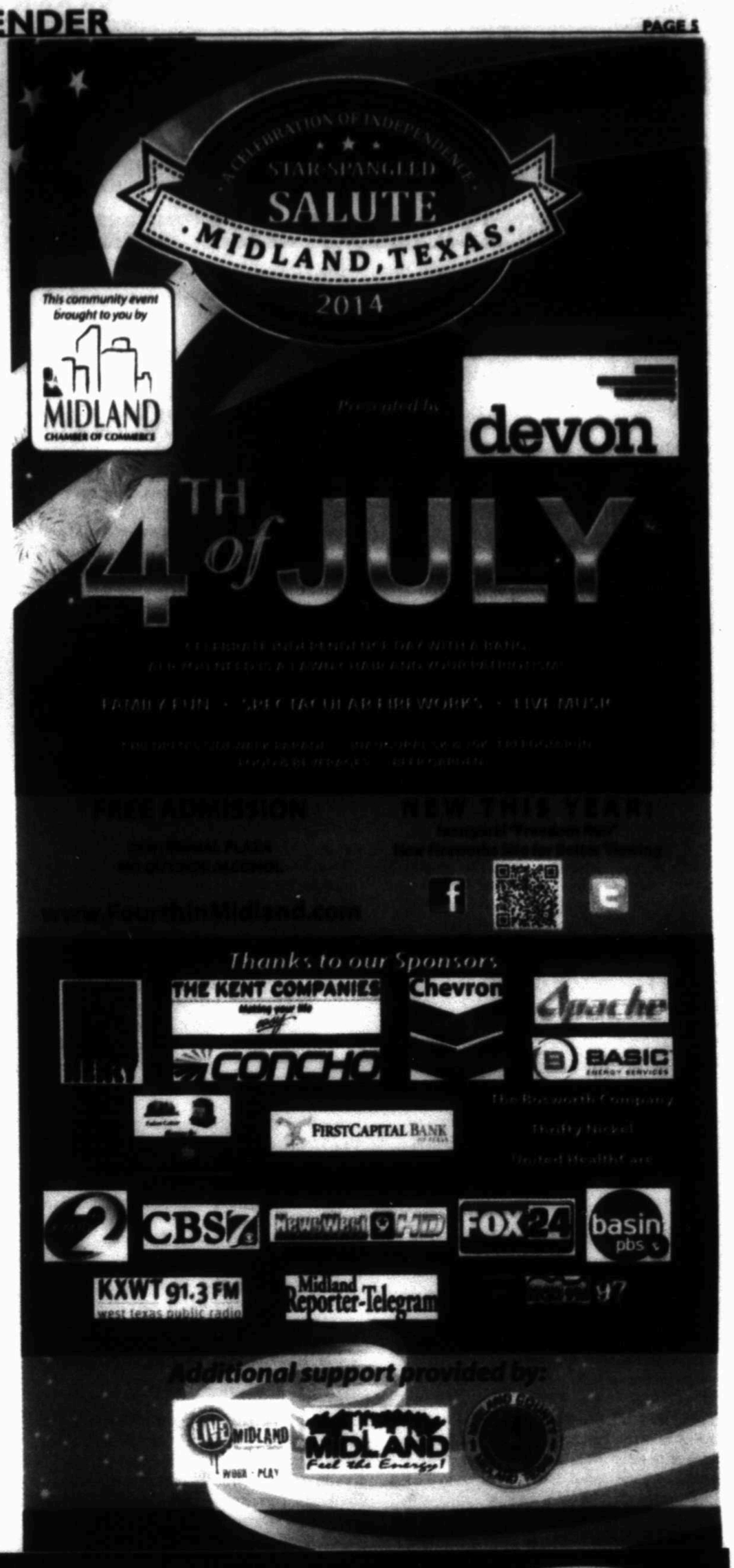
Mastercard and Visa accepted.

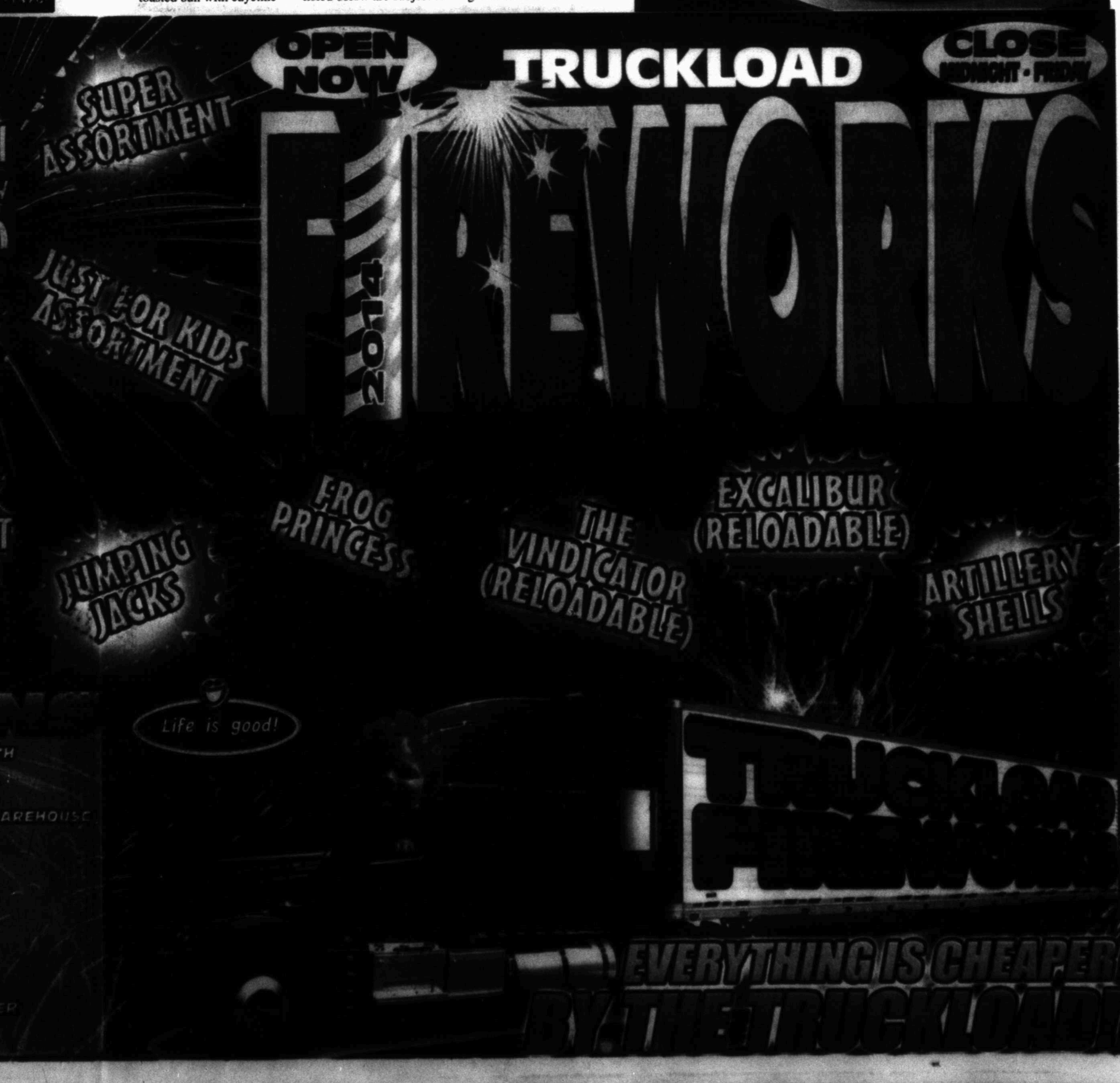
THE LOCATION

Browns Bar-B-Q is scheduled to be at Star Spangled Salute on Friday in downtown Midland.

Regularly throughout the summer, the truck will be at Shack in the Back, 11520 West Business 20 E in Odessa on Wednesday nights for Party on the Patio.

Check getaroundbrown.com for more information on the menu, follow on Twitter at @brownsbarbq and on Facebook, Instagram and Vine under getaroundbrown.





DINING

CLASSIC AMERICAN FARE

ADDIE'S DINER Great burgers and salads with a '50s diner vibe. Chicken fried steak or steak fingers, chicken fried chicken or chicken fingers, fried catfish, hamburger steak and grilled pork chop entrees. Breakfast until 10:30 a.m. 304 E. Florida Ave., 686-2044. | $ | 4 spoons

BUFFALO WILD WINGS Grill and Bar Sports bar with more than 40 TVs inside serves wings, burgers, sandwiches and snacks. Try one of the wraps with your choice of more than 14 sauces. Smoking allowed inside. 5107 W. Wadley Ave. 694-9400 | $ | 3 spoons

BUSH'S CHICKEN Save room for the red cinnamon apple pie for dessert. Fried chicken with traditional sides. Iced tea by the gallon. Three-lane drive through. 2210 N. Big Spring St. 687-7090 www.bushschicken.com | $ | 3 spoons

THE CAFÉ AT CRESTVIEW Quiet cafe inside Crestview Baptist Church is open to the public and serves fabulous desserts. Sandwiches, soups, burgers, Tex-Mex dishes. 301 N. Loop 250 West. 681-8200 www.crestviewmidland.org | $ | 3 spoons

CAFÉ AT THE GARDENS Want to feel like you've left West Texas? Enjoy a cup of soup next to a koi pond inside a green house. Sandwiches and burgers on freshly baked bread, quiche, salads. Open for dinner and drinks on Thursday and Friday nights. 3300 Fairgrounds Road. 687-1478 www.alldredgegardens.com | $ | 4 spoons

COTTON PATCH CAFE Casual dining chain restaurant off of Loop 250. Specials include chicken fried steak and fried catfish. Soups, salads, steaks. 2320 W. Loop 250 N. 618-0070. www.cottonpatch.com | $ | 2 spoons.

CRACKER BARREL Breakfast all day. Chicken and dumplings, meatloaf, smoked ham, fried fish. Old Country Store sells candy, toys, rocking chairs, decorative items. 3108 N. Loop 250 West. 689-3137 www.crackerbarrel.com | $ | 3 spoons

CLEAR SPRINGS CAFE One of the few places in Midland specializing in seafood claims to have the best onion rings and catfish in "Texas, the World and the known Universe." This Texas chain also has locations in Tyler, New Braunfels, Nacogdoches and San Antonio. Seafood, steaks, burgers, salads. 5707 Andrews Highway 522-1188 www.clearspringscafe.com | $$ | 3 spoons

DENNY'S Open 24 hours a day, Denny's is one of very few options for people looking to grab a bite to eat at 3 a.m. Breakfast, burgers, snacks, pies and coffee. 3701 W. Wall St. 520-5306 www.dennys.com | $ | 2 spoons

EDDIE'S CATFISH COMPANY When you open a catfish restaurant, why mess around with anything else. Except maybe fried shrimp, french fries, hush puppies, coleslaw and onion rings. That's the menu at Eddie's Catfish Company. All you have to do is decide how many pieces you want. 301 N. Lee St. 684-4422. www.eddiescatfishco.com | $ | 3 spoons

GRAHAM PHARMACY Refreshingly simple menu makes this a hot spot for lunch. Good luck finding a parking space. Try the pimento cheese sandwich and treat yourself to homemade fudge for dessert. 1601 W. Wall St. 684-5756 www.grahampharmacy.com | $ | 3 spoons

JOJO'S EATERY Possibly the best desserts in town. Buy pies and cakes by the slice or take one home. Oh yeah, and the sandwiches, salads and burgers aren't bad either. Downtown inside the Petroleum Building. 214 W. Texas Ave. 682-3134 | $ | 3 spoons

LORI'S CAFÉ Homestyle, diner cooking with a few surprises like wild boar sausage served with two eggs and toast. Breakfast items, lunch menu. Lori's uses locally-sourced food when available. 2201 W. Wall St. 570-1701 www.lorriscafe.net | $ | 3 spoons

THE RANCH HOUSE Stop by for a sandwich or pick up a whole ham or turkey for holidays. Sandwich options include chicken or tuna salad, turkey breast, peppered beef or ham, honey glazed ham, smoked brisket and barbecue. 5103 W. Wadley Ave. 699-0695 www.goldenglazedhams.com | $ | 3 spoons

STANTON DRUG AND OLD-FASHIONED SODA FOUNTAIN Drive about an hour away from Midland for a hamburger or sandwich at Stanton Drug Store. Get there early. The owners close shop when they run out of meat for the day. 201 N. St. Peter, Stanton. 432-756-3731 | $ | 3 spoons

STRAWBERRY FIELDS CAFE Try the Santa Fe wrap. All organic menu with daily specials, sandwiches, wraps, smoothies. Soup and salad bar. If you can't find a table or need a quick lunch, check out the section of foods 'to go' inside the Natural Foods Market. 2311 W. Wadley Ave. 684-5869 www.naturalfoodsmkt.com | $ | 4 spoons

TATER WORLD The menu centers around this local restaurant's namesake. If you're hungry, go for the huge baked potatoes stuffed with brisket or steak. The menu has more than just potatoes. Ask around town and you'll hear Tater World has some of the best catfish in Midland. 802 S Garfield St. 682-9111 | $ | 4 spoons

THE BAR Arguably the best burgers in town. Go during the fall or winter for the chili and cornbread. Live music and drink specials in the evenings. Try a bloody Mary with Saturday brunch. 606 W. Missouri Ave. 685-1757 www.thebarmidland.com | $$ | 4 spoons

TRIPLE THREAT SPORTS BAR & GRILL Philly cheesesteaks are the star of the menu but this sports bar also offers popcorn shrimp, chicken tenders, salads and appetizers. Smoking is permitted inside. 12 Meta Drive 683-5300 | $ | 4 spoons

YANA 615 Downtown Odessa restaurant is perfect for lunch with friends or special occasions. Specialties like orange roughy, chicken tarragon or chicken crepes. Dessert is a must. 615 N. Sam Houston, Odessa 432-332-4305 | $$ | 5 spoons

WING STOP Nine wing sauce flavors range from mild to atomic. In the middle are lemon pepper, Hawaiian and garlic parmesan. 3323 N. Midland Drive, Suite 105 694-WING (9464) www.wingstop.com | $ | 4 spoons

DELICIOUS DELIS

FIREHOUSE SUBS National chain with tribute to local firefighters. Try the meatball sub or the Italian. Order it "fully involved" if you want all the veggies, mayonnaise, mustard and a pickle slice. 2900 W. Loop 250 N. 689-6500 www.firehousesubs.com | $ | 4 spoons

HARVEST CAFFE Coffee shop atmosphere with a fireplace, couches and unique chandeliers makes you want to stay awhile. Might as well add a lemon bar and hot tea to your order after you finish your chicken salad stuffed tomato. 2101 West Wadley Ave., Suite 8 218-8331 www.harvestcaffe.com | $ | 4 spoons

JASON'S DELI National chain has a salad bar that's hard to beat and a nice selection of sandwiches and soups. Plenty of vegetarian, organic and gluten-free options. 4610 N. Garfield St., Suite D 1-B 682-2200 www.jasonsdeli.com | $ | 4 spoons

LIVING 360 ORGANICS All organic, non-GMO menu includes juices, smoothies and acai bowls. Soups change daily. Sandwiches, wraps and a la carte items are available. Try the cold quinoa salad and a cup of soup. 3211 W. Wadley Ave. Suite 21 | 262-3411 | living-360organics.com | $ | 4 spoons

McALISTER'S DELI Hot and cold sandwiches, salads and soups. Combo options let you customize your meal and watch your calorie count. Two Midland locations. 2306 Rankin Highway, Suite 100. 687-0880 | 4415 W. Wadley Ave. 694-1800 www.mcalistersdeli.com | $ | 4 spoons

MURRAY'S You're sure to spot someone you know at this Midland lunch hotspot. Try the cheese soup or the turkado with curly fries. 3211 W. Wadley Ave. 697-3433 | $ | 5 spoons

SMILING MOOSE DELI Open for breakfast, lunch and dinner, this deli serves breakfast burritos, wraps, soups, sandwiches and salads. The namesake sandwich starts with ground beef on a hoagie bun. 3322 North Loop 250 West 697-3354 www.smilingmoose-deli.com | $ | 4 spoons

SWENSEN'S One menu for sandwiches, burgers, patty melts and salads and an entirely separate full menu for ice cream. Friendly service and a clean atmosphere. 900 W. Loop 250 N. 570-7271 www.swensons.com | $ | 4 spoons

TASTE@508 Stop by the chic downtown cafe for breakfast, lunch or a coffee break. We recommend the chocolate croissant, Cubano Westie panini and beet and goat cheese salad. 508 W. Wall St. | 687-1755 | taste508.com | $ | 4 spoons

TASTE OF CHICAGO Start with the Italian beef sandwich, add spicy or mild peppers, cheese or cheese sauce and decide if you want it dipped in au jus. You may be surprised that you can — and will — finish the whole thing. 1100 E. Illinois Ave. 682-3200 www.letseat.at/t_o_chicago | $ | 5 spoons

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Psalm 138:6

For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far away.

DELIGHTFUL DESSERTS

MARTINEZ BAKERY Walls lined with self-serve bakery cases filled with cookies. Also serves "super tortas" (Mexican sandwiches) with chicken, brisket or ham. 206 E. Florida Ave. 683-3100; 683-2278 | $ | 4 spoons

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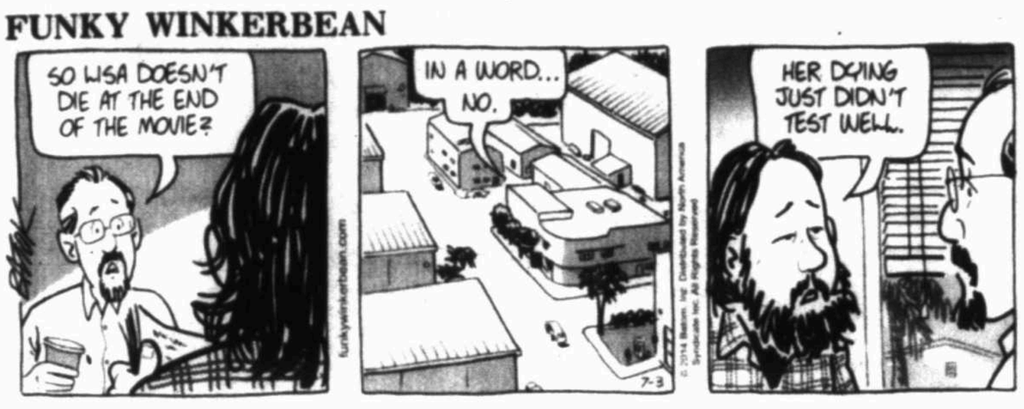

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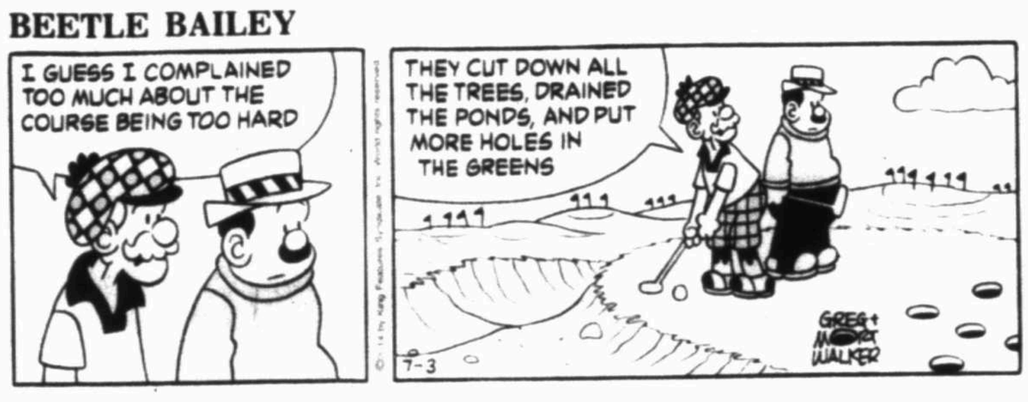

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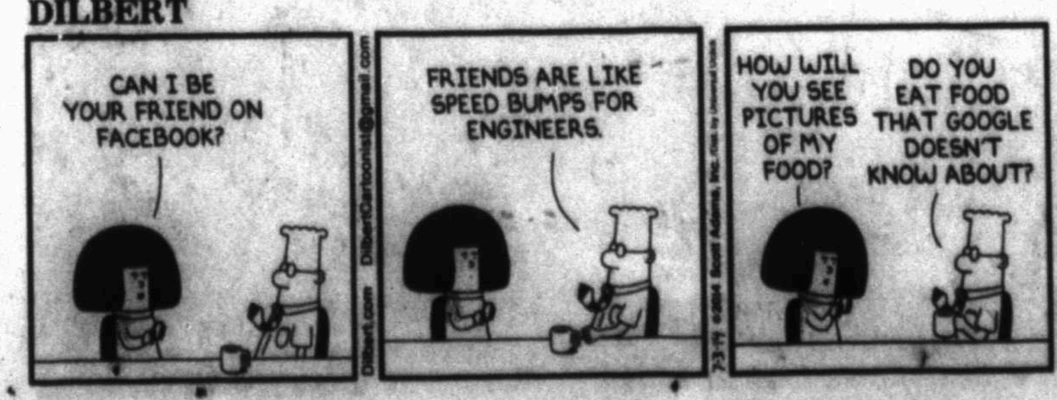

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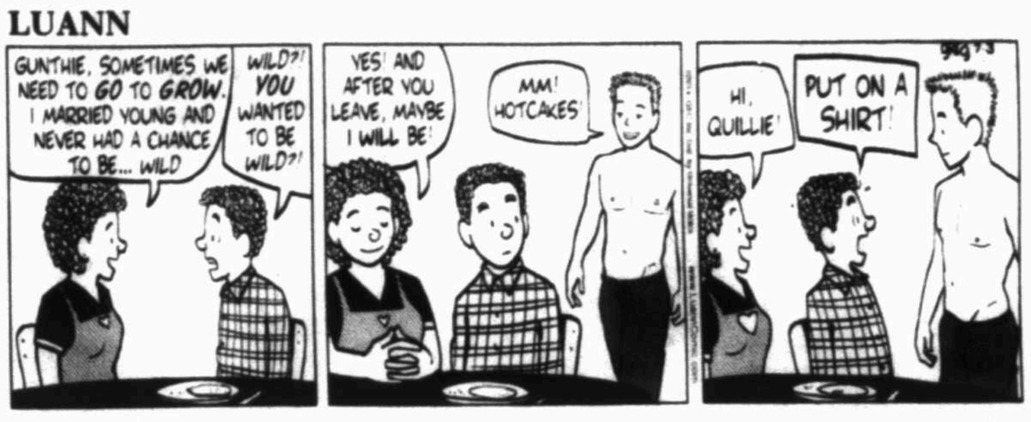

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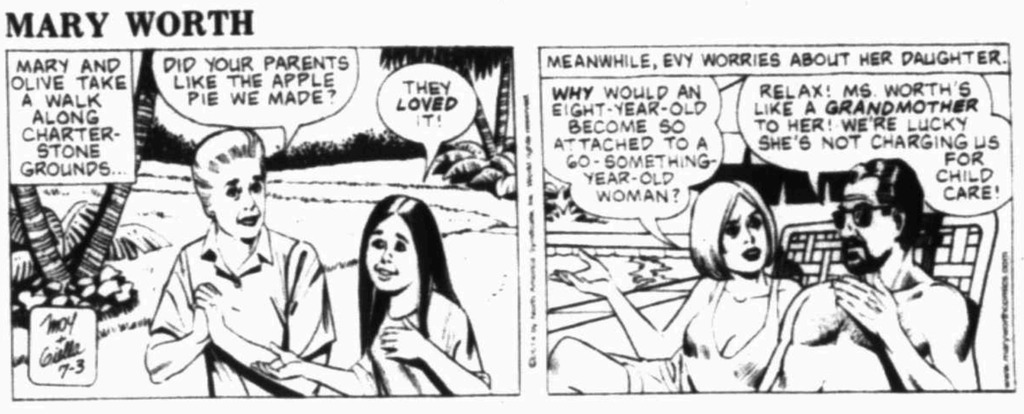

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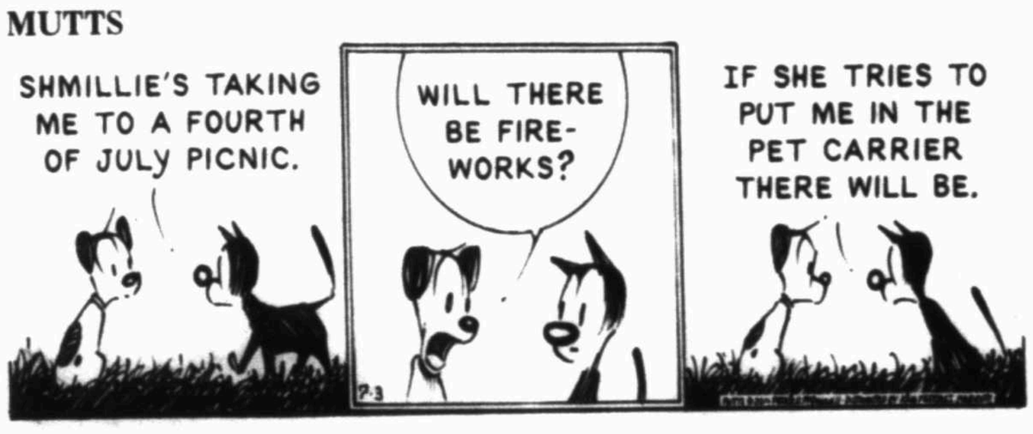

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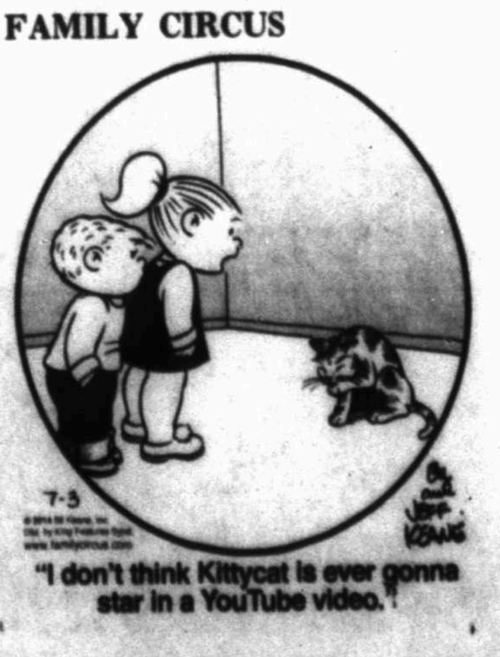

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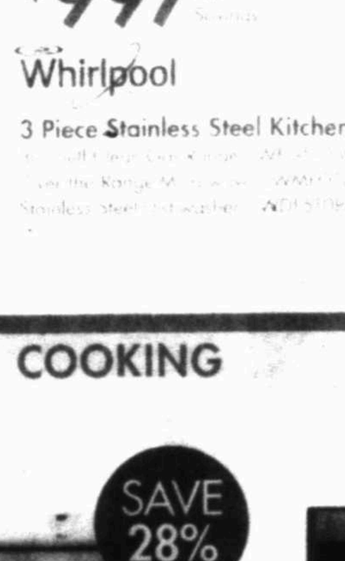

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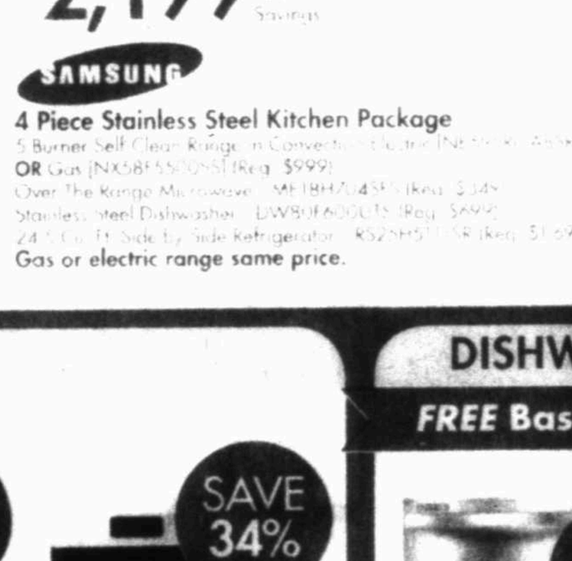

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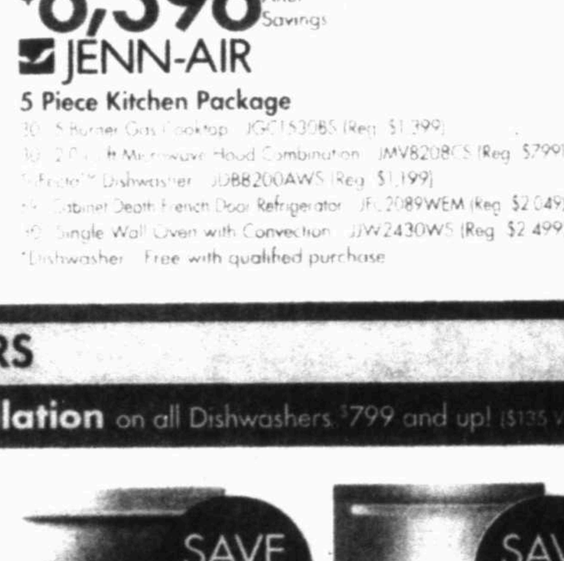

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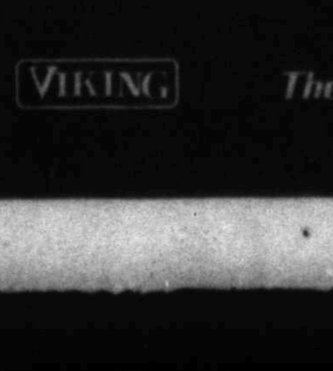

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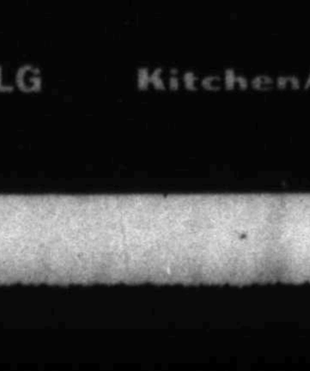

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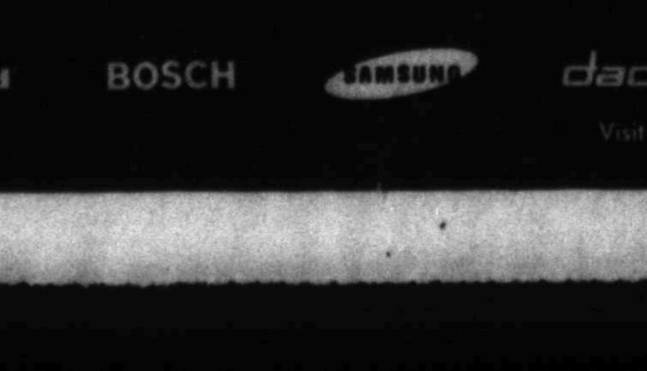

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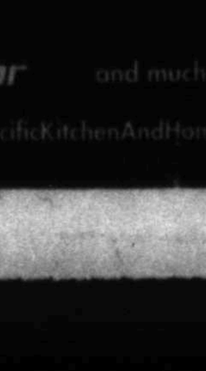

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Howard's play marks US World Cup run

By Janie McCauley
Associated Press

SAO PAULO — Tim Howard left a lasting impression on Americans from coast to coast — and fans around the world, really — for his incredible, improbable saves in the loss to Belgium in extra time that sent the U.S. home from the World Cup to a country captivated.

Howard is a big reason — 6-foot-3, to be exact — for the fascination. He has become a Twitter sensation in less than a day, while raising one important question before he leaves Brazil: Will the 35-year-old goalkeeper be back for the next World Cup four years from now in Russia?

"When you're in the public eye, it's part of what you have to deal with," Howard said Wednesday of the hype from his record-setting World Cup. "I've been dealing with it for a long time. It's nice that America knows about soccer now. That's what's important."

Howard's 16 saves in the 2-1 loss were the most in a World Cup game since FIFA started tracking the statistic in 2002.

Someone had fun with Howard's heroics on Wikipedia, briefly listing the star goalie as incumbent "Secretary of Defense of the United States of America." Later, the real defense secretary, Chuck Hagel, called Howard with congratulations and a team invite to the Pentagon.

A photo from Howard's high school yearbook even began circulating, featuring the quote, "It will take a nation of millions to hold me back."

Even Belgium captain Vincent Kompany tweeted: "Two words.. TIM HOWARD #Respect #BelUSA." That post had received 59,675 re-tweets and 45,242 favorites by early evening Wednesday.

"It's fantastic because it also shows how all the games in the World Cup were received back at home," U.S. coach Jurgen Klinsmann said, "and many people watched this competition maybe more than it was four years ago in South Africa. It's fun to see that, and he deserves every compliment for his game last night."

The hashtag ThingsTimHowardCouldSave was trending on

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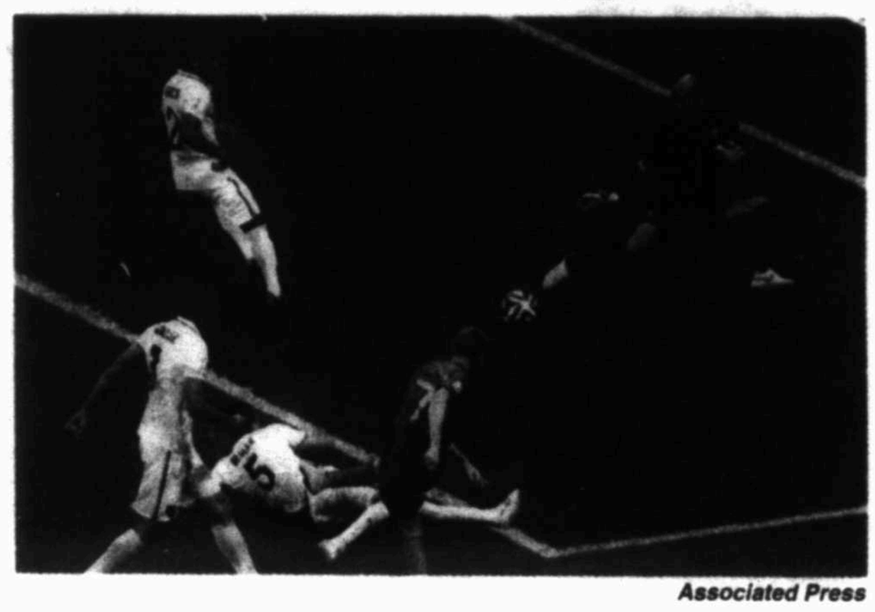

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Belgium's Kevin De Bruyne, front, scores a goal against United States' goalkeeper Tim Howard, right, during the game between Belgium and the USA at the Arena Fonte Nova in Salvador, Brazil, on Tuesday.

Completely swept away

Associated Press

The Houston Astros' George Springer, right, heads for the dugout after striking out as Seattle Mariners catcher John Buck throws the ball to the mound in the ninth inning Wednesday in Houston. The Mariners won 5-2 to sweep the three-game series.

Seattle beats Astros 5-2, sweeps series

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

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HOUSTON — Brad Peacock was rolling, the Houston Astros had the lead and then the pitcher plunked Robinson Cano.

Things quickly fell apart after that as the Mariners jumped on Peacock for four runs in the sixth inning in a 5-2 win Wednesday.

"He just lost command," manager Bo Porter said. "Lost command of the strike zone. He was in a complete groove and what we felt like complete control of the game then had the hit batter where he held on to a cut fastball too long and then was not able to get back in the zone."

Logan Morrison drove in two runs in Seattle's big inning and Chris Young pitched seven strong innings to help the Mariners complete a three-game sweep.

The Mariners trailed by two and couldn't get anything going against Peacock until the sixth. James Jones got things started with a one-out single, before Peacock hit Cano with a pitch and walked Kyle Seager on four pitches to load the bases.

Jones cut the lead to one when he scored on a wild pitch, and Morrison's two-run double gave Seattle a 3-2 lead. John Buck's run-scoring single pushed the lead to 4-2 and chased Peacock.

"I just kind of lost it," Peacock said. "I'll go back and look at some video and see what I was doing wrong. I felt great up into that point. It kind of stinks."

Peacock allowed six hits and four runs in 5 1-3 innings.

Young (8-4) allowed two hits — both solo homers — and struck out a season-high eight. It was his most strikeouts since he fanned nine against Colorado in 2012. Fernando Rodney pitched a scoreless ninth for his 24th save.

Marwin Gonzalez and rookie Kike Hernandez homered for the Astros. Hernandez has three hits and two RBIs in two games since being called up from the minors.

"He's swinging a good bat and that's why he was in the lineup (Wednesday) and he'll be in the lineup (Thursday)," Porter said of Hernandez.

He played designated hitter on Wednesday in place of the slumping Chris Carter, who is in an 0-for-15 skid and is hitting just .181.

Dustin Ackley had three hits for the second straight game after snapping an 0-for-21 skid Tuesday night, and Jones had a hit to finish the series with eight hits, six runs and two RBIs.

Seattle has scored 11 runs in the sixth inning in the last two games after

Please see ASTROS/3C

No Wimbledon repeat for Murray thanks to Dimitrov

Associated Press

Andy Murray wipes his brow after playing a point against Grigor Dimitrov of Bulgaria during their men's singles quarterfinal match at the All England Lawn Tennis Championships in Wimbledon, London, on Wednesday.

By Howard Fendrich
Associated Press

LONDON — The silence at Centre Court made abundantly clear that Andy Murray's time as Wimbledon champion was coming to a close.

Out of sorts from the start of his quarterfinal against up-and-coming Grigor Dimitrov on Wednesday, Murray — who in 2013 ended Britain's 77-year wait for one of its own to win the men's title at the All England Club — sailed an awkward backhand slice long to fall behind by a set and a break.

The crowd of nearly 15,000, usually so vociferous in support of Murray, sat quietly, perhaps not prepared to believe what was happening. All along, Murray's body language was as negative as his play: He gnawed on his knuckle after seeing an ace zip past; slapped his forehead with his palm after one forehand found the net; bowed his head and slumped his shoulders after another did the same.

When one last forehand fell short, the magical ride ended for Murray and his fans with a 6-1, 7-6 (4), 6-2 loss to the 11th-seeded Dimitrov, who became the first man from Bulgaria to reach a Grand Slam semifinal.

"I have very good memories from that court out there. It's a special court for me," said Murray, who lost the 2012 Wimbledon final there, won that year's London Olympics gold medal there, then won his historic title 12 months ago there. "I mean, you can have bad days as an athlete. You don't win all of the time. Sometimes you just have

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Cheaters, liars and baseball All-Stars

■ COMMENTARY

By Tim Dahlberg
Associated Press

Barry Bonds is getting a second chance, hardly surprising because baseball is a game of second chances.

Seven years after the San Francisco Giants decided his services would no longer be needed, a group of federal judges will reconsider Bonds' conviction for giving evasive testimony to a grand jury investigating the use of performance-enhancing drugs. It may not be as good as a ticket to Cooperstown, but a win by Bonds would mean he can live the rest of his days without convicted felon being written in front of his name.

Manny Ramirez is doing even better. He's getting a third chance.

Twice suspended by baseball for violating its PED rules, the 42-year-old has been signed by the Triple-A Iowa Cubs as a part-time player and coach. The plan is for him — please, don't laugh — to serve as a mentor to aspiring Cubbies on how the game should be played in the major leagues.

"Do the right thing, bro. Follow the rules. That's it," Ramirez said Monday, somehow keeping a straight face when asked what advice he will give young players.

Nelson Cruz should have followed that advice and stayed out of trouble himself. Like Ramirez, though, he couldn't stay away from the drugs that for a quarter century now have infested the game and made its most revered numbers meaningless.

That cost Cruz the final 50 regular season games for the Texas Rangers last year, though the Baltimore Orioles didn't seem to mind. They signed Cruz to an $8 million, one-year deal in spring training and he has rewarded their investment by hitting 26 home runs, tied with Jose Abreu of the White Sox for the lead in the American League.

Cruz also is the runaway leader in balloting for designated hitter in the All-Star game with some 3 million votes, even more proof that baseball fans are truly a forgiving lot. Less than a half season after finishing his suspension for juicing, Cruz has been officially rehabilitated and will surely be cheered when he comes to the plate in Minneapolis just like he has been in Baltimore since he was welcomed to the city on opening day.

That fans don't seem to have a problem with a player recently busted for PEDs being held up as a shining example of what a big league slugger should be is hardly new. Giants fans packed AT&T Park game after game when Bonds was chasing home run records, roaring at every swing even when it was painfully obvious the bloated Bonds was doing things normal human beings simply can't do.

For all anyone knows, Cruz could still be using. So could a lot of other players, because even with increased — and more sophisticated — testing in baseball the odds of being caught are still small. And the suspensions in the Biogenesis scandal show that a lot of players are still more than willing to take the chance, mostly because the payoff can be so huge.

Thankfully, we will be spared the sight of Cruz bashing balls out of Target Field in the Home Run Derby. He told the Baltimore Sun recently he wouldn't compete in it because it might hurt his swing, though the guess is someone from baseball whispered into his ear that it wouldn't be a good idea for more obvious reasons.

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DAILY RUNDOWN

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WEDNESDAY'S SCORE
NW Arkansas 6, Midland 5

TODAY'S GAME
Midland at NW Arkansas, 7:05 p.m., Arvest Ballpark

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Midland 5-7, NW Arkansas 7-7

Wednesday	Today	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
NW Arkansas 6, Midland 5	Midland at NW Arkansas	Midland at NW Arkansas	Midland at NW Arkansas	Midland at Arkansas

WHAT'S ON TV

AUTO RACING
NASCAR, Nationwide Series, practice for Firecracker 250, at Daytona Beach, Fla., 1:30 p.m., FS1
NASCAR, Sprint Cup, practice for Coke Zero 400, at Daytona Beach, Fla., 3 p.m., FS1
NASCAR, Nationwide Series, final practice for Firecracker 250, at Daytona Beach, Fla., 4:30 p.m., FS1
NASCAR, Sprint Cup, "Happy Hour Series," final practice for Coke Zero 400, at Daytona Beach, Fla., 5:30 p.m., FS1

BOWLING
Women's, USBC Queens, at Reno, Nev., 6 p.m., ESPN2

COLLEGE BASEBALL
Exhibition, Home Run Derby, at Omaha, Neb., 7:30 p.m. ESPN

GOLF
European PGA Tour, Open de France, first round, part II, at Paris, 8:30 a.m., TGC
Web.com Tour, Nova Scotia Open, first round, at Halifax, Nova Scotia, 11:30 a.m., TGC
PGA Tour, The Greenbrier Classic, first round, at White Sulphur Springs, W.Va., 2 p.m., TGC
European PGA Tour, Open de France, second round, part I, at Paris, 3:30 a.m., TGC

MLB
St. Louis at San Francisco, 2:30 p.m., MLB
Regional coverage, L.A. Dodgers at Colorado or N.Y. Yankees at Minnesota, 7 p.m., MLB

TENNIS
Wimbledon, women's semifinals, at London, 7 a.m., ESPN

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
BOSTON RED SOX — Sent 3B Will Middlebrooks to Pawtucket (IL) for a rehab assignment.
CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Claimed RHP Angel Sanchez off waivers from Tampa Bay and optioned him to Winston-Salem (Carolinas). Agreed to terms with C Jhoandro Alfaro and INFs Felix Mercedes, Ricky Mota and Amado Nunez on minor league contracts.
HOUSTON ASTROS — Optioned LHP Kevin Chapman to Oklahoma City (PCL). Reinstated RHP Anthony Bass from the 15-day DL. Agreed to terms with RHP Franklin Perez, SS Miguelangel Sierra and C Brandon Benavente on minor league contracts.
LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Reinstated LHP Tyler Skaggs from the 15-day DL.
KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Optioned RHP Michael Marrot to Omaha (PCL). Recalled RHP Casey Coleman from Omaha.
MINNESOTA TWINS — Placed 1B Joe Mauer on the 15-day DL. Recalled 1B/OF Chris Colabello from Rochester (IL).
NEW YORK YANKEES — Agreed to terms with RHP Deshorn Lake on a minor league contract. Sent LHP CC Sabathia to Trenton (EL) for a rehab assignment.
TAMPA BAY RAYS — Recalled LHP Jeff Beliveau from Durham (IL).
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Agreed to terms with RHP Jeff Hoffman and C Max Pentecost on minor league contracts.
National League
ATLANTA BRAVES — Optioned RHP Juan Jaime to Gwinnett (IL). Reinstated RHP David Carpenter from the 15-day DL.
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Agreed to terms with C Nate Irving on a minor league contract.
CINCINNATI REDS — Traded RHP Jar Jurrjens to Colorado for 1B Harold Riggins. Optioned RHP Rasael Iglesias to Louisville (IL).
COLORADO ROCKIES — Sent LHP Brett Anderson to Colorado Springs (PCL) for a rehab assignment.
MIAMI MARLINS — Placed RHP A.J. Ramos on the 15-day DL, retroactive to Friday. Recalled 1B Justin Bour from New Orleans (PCL).
NEW YORK METS — Agreed to terms with RHPs Daniel Guzman and Agustin Castilla, OF Claudio Geraldo and SSs Yoel Romero, Edgardor Fermin and Hansel Moreno on minor league contracts.
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Placed OF Domonic Brown on paternity leave. Recalled OF Aaron Altherr from Reading (EL). Reinstated RHP Miguel Alfredo Gonzalez from the 60-day DL and optioned him to Reading. Transferred RHP Mike Adams to the 60-day DL. Sent C Wil Nieves to the GCL Phillies for a rehab assignment.
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Recalled OF Oscar Taveras from Memphis (PCL). Sent 2B Kolten Wong to Memphis for a rehab assignment.
SAN DIEGO PADRES — Placed SS Everth Cabrera on the 15-day DL, retroactive to Tuesday. Selected the contract of 3B Brooks Conrad from El Paso (PCL). Transferred LHP Troy Patton to the 60-day DL. Agreed to terms with OF Seth Smith on a three-year contract.
WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Agreed to terms with OF Yoel Andujar, SS Bryan Bencosme, OF Juan Evangelista, SS Adarnis Martinez and OF Brahin Mesa on minor league contracts.
American Association
KANSAS CITY T-BONES — Released RHP Mike Nannini.
ST. PAUL SAINTS — Released INF Brandon Wikoff. Signed OF Keith Brachold.
WICHITA WINGNUTS — Signed LHP Jared Gaynor.
Can-Am League
QUEBEC CAPITALES — Signed INF Aaron Britt.
Frontier League
FRONTIER GREYS — Signed RHP Paul Mifsud.
JOLIET SLAMMERS — Signed LHP Tyler Thobe.
SCHAUMBURG BOOMERS — Signed LHP Kris Singh.
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS MINERS — Traded INF Jared McDonald to St. Pau (AA) for a player to be named.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
BOSTON CELTICS — Agreed to terms with G Avery Bradley on a four-year contract.
BROOKLYN NETS — Named Lionel Hollins coach.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
NFL — Named Charles Way head of player engagement department.
BALTIMORE RAVENS — Traded LB Rolando McClain and a 2016 seventh-round draft pick to Dallas for a 2016 seventh-round draft pick.
Arena Football League
ORLANDO PREDATORS — Announced DB Dee Webb and OL Bryan Collins have been assigned by the league.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
ANAHEIM DUCKS — Signed G Jason LaBarbera to a one-year contract.
CAROLINA HURRICANES — Signed C Jay McClement to a one-year contract.
CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS — Agreed to terms with D Kyle Cumiskey on a one-year contract.
DALLAS STARS — Signed C Vernon Fiddler to a two-year contract and LW Brendan Ranford to a three-year entry-level contract.
DETROIT RED WINGS — Signed D Kyle Quincey to a two-year contract and F Andy Miele to a one-year contract.
FLORIDA PANTHERS — Agreed to terms with G Sam Brittain on an entry-level contract and D Blake Pariett on a one-year, two-way contract.
MINNESOTA WILD — Agreed to terms with RW Joel Rechlicz on a one-year, two-way contract.
NASHVILLE PREDATORS — Signed C Olli Jokinen to a one-year contract.
NEW JERSEY DEVILS — Re-signed Fs Steve Bernier and Stephen Gionta.
NEW YORK ISLANDERS — Signed Fs Mikhail Grabovski and Nikolai Kulemin to four-year contracts. Agreed to terms with F Cory Conacher on a one-year contract.
NEW YORK RANGERS — Agreed to terms with F Chris Bourque.
PHILADELPHIA FLYERS — Signed D Nick Schultz to a one-year contract.
PITTSBURGH PENGUINS — Signed F Steve Downie to a one-year contract.
SAN JOSE SHARKS — Signed F John Scott to a one-year contract.
VANCOUVER CANUCKS — Signed RW Radim Vrbata to a two-year contract.
WINNIPEG JETS — Agreed to terms with G Michael Hutchinson on a two-year contract and D Will O'Neill on a one-year, two-way contract.
American Hockey League
HERSHEY BEARS — Named Troy Mann coach adn Bryan Helmer assistant coach.
ECHL
IDAHO STEELHEADS — Agreed to terms with D Quinn Sproule.
MOTORSPORTS
INDYCAR — Fined Dale Coyne Racing $10,000 for a pair of technical violations during Saturday's Grand Prix of Houston Race 1.
SOCCER
Major League Soccer
PORTLAND TIMBERS — Waived M Aaron Long.
COLLEGE
BIG TEN CONFERENCE — Promoted Diane Dietz to deputy commissioner, public affairs; Scott Chipman to associate commissioner, communications; Robin Jentes to assistant commissioner, branding; Jade Burroughs promoted to director, branding; Kerry Kenny to director, compliance; Jessica Palermo to director, championships; and Alex Macht to assistant director, video services. Named Kristina Minor assistant director compliance.
ALBANY (NY) — Named Chelsea Martin graduate assistant manager.
ARMSTRONG STATE — Named Brian English assistant baseball coach.
CARTHAGE — Named C.J. Cuneo women's lacrosse coach.
DUKE — Named Nina King deputy director of athletics/administration, legal affairs and chief of staff; Mitch Moser deputy director of athletics/chief financial officer; Brad Berndt senior associate director of athletics/external affairs; Gerald Harrison senior associate director of athletics/internal affairs; Jon Jackson senior associate director of athletics/external affairs; Todd Mesirov associate director of athletics/compliance; Bob Weseman assistant director of athletics/athletic facilities, game operations and championships; Tony Sales assistant director of athletics/student athlete external affairs; Heather Ryan executive director/academic services; Chad Lampman executive director/Blue Devil Network; Natasha Campbell director of human resources; Kevin Lehman director of football operations; David Bradley director of basketball operations; Dan Perlmutter associate director/performance; Michael Cappetto assistant director/Blue Devil Network; Leslie Gaber assistant director/sports information; Jomar Wright student-athlete development assistant; Matthew Duncan assistant ticket operations manager; Tanyn Cavanaugh compliance coordinator; Nathan McKinnis managing director of recreation programs; Brandon Neff associate director of athletic facilities, game operations and championships; and Jeremy Anderson assistant director of athletic facilities, game operations and championships.
GEORGE WASHINGTON — Named Melissa Dunne women's assistant basketball coach.
GEORGETOWN — Named Erik Suppiee assistant baseball coach.
HOLY CROSS — Named Jordan Nies men's assistant lacrosse coach.
LYNCHBURG — Named Jon Waters athletic director.
MARQUETTE — Announced men's junior basketball F Wally Ellenson has transferred from Minnesota.
NEW JERSEY CITY — Named Jaci Timko softball coach and academic advisor.
NORTH TEXAS — Suspended LB Sed Ellis and TE Chris Loving indefinitely from the football team.
THIEL — Named Jordan Timmerman men's volleyball coach.

FISHING REPORT

WEST
ALAN HENRY: Water stained; 75-83 degrees; 16.33 feet low. Black bass are fair to good on topwaters, shallow running crankbaits and Texas rigs. Crappie are good on live minnows and jigs over brush piles. Catfish are good on nightcrawlers and cut bait.
ARROWHEAD: Water off color; 75-83 degrees, 18.72 feet low. One ramp open and few anglers have been on the lake.
COLORADO CITY: 20.98 feet low. No report available.
FORT PHANTOM HILL: Water clear; 74-82 degrees; 14.51 feet low. Black bass are fair on Zara Spooks, Rat-L-Traps and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair to good on live minnows. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers.
HUBBARD CREEK: Water off color; 75-84 degrees; 26.68 feet low. Black bass are good on shakyheads, jigs, Texas rigs and spinnerbaits. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs over deep cover. Catfish are good on nightcrawlers and cut bait.
NASWORTHY: No report available.
OAK CREEK: Water stained; 75-83 degrees; 22.70 feet low. Black bass are fair to good on Carolina rigs, Texas rigs, jigs and chatterbaits. Crappie are fair to good on live minnows. Catfish are fair to good on chartreuse (use Worm-Glo) nightcrawlers.
O.H. IVIE: Water stained; 76-84 degrees; 37.86 feet low. Black bass are good on Yellow Magics, Texas rigs, jigs and medium swimbaits. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs shallow.
POSSUM KINGDOM: Water fairly clear; 74-81 degrees; 15.15 feet low. Black bass are fair to good on drop shot rigs, Carolina rigs, Texas rigs and D22s. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair to good on Humdingers. Striped bass are fair on live shad. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers.
SPENCE: 73.09 feet low. No report available.
STAMFORD: 16.36 feet low. No report available.
SWEETWATER: Water murky; 75-82 degrees; 25.69 feet low. Black bass are fair to good on Rukes and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair on live minnows. Catfish are fair to good on prepared bait.
WHITE RIVER: Water stained; 74-82 degrees; 31.76 feet low. No report available.
SOUTH
AMISTAD: Water stained; 81-85 degrees; 41.46 feet low. Black bass are very good on watermelon topwaters, swimbaits, Senkos, frogs, and soft plastics. Striped bass are fair on spoons and topwaters. White bass are fair on crankbaits, grubs, and live minnows. Crappie are slow. Catfish are fair on shrimp, and nightcrawlers under popping corks. Yellow catfish are slow. Everyone in a boat must have a Mexico fishing license (if fishing the Mexico side) whether fishing or not.
BRAUNIG: Water stained. Black bass are fair on watermelon soft plastics, crankbaits, and Rat-L-Traps. Striped bass are slow. Redfish are fair on perch, shad, and silver spoons. Channel and blue catfish are good on liver, shrimp, and cheesebait near the dam.

'Hounds fall despite late rally in the 9th

From staff reports

The RockHounds can't seem to catch a break against their Texas League foes from Arkansas.

Wednesday, despite a three-run rally in the ninth to take a 5-4 lead, Midland dropped its sixth straight game in a 6-5 loss to the Northwest Arkansas Naturals. Midland is in the middle of a two-week stretch against Arkansas and Northwest Arkansas, and is thus far 1-6 with the only win coming against the Naturals.

The RockHounds faced a 4-2 deficit entering the ninth, and then their bats awoke. A throwing error allowed Hiroyuki Nakajima to reach base to begin the inning, which was promptly followed by a D'Arby Myers single and a Conner Crumbliss walk to load the bases.

After a Billy Burns force out at home, Addison Russell singled up the middle to score Myers and Crumbliss. A sacrifice fly from Max Muncy pushed a third run across to end the RockHounds' ninth inning outburst.

But as has been the story of Midland's stretch over the last week, nothing broke correctly for the team in the bottom of the inning.

Jose Flores recorded a quick out, but then gave up two singles in succession, which ended his night on the mound. Edinson Rincon then entered and failed to improve on the situation, walking the first batter he faced.

A sacrifice fly by the next batter evened the score, and then a ground-ball single from Lane Adams ended the game with another loss for Midland.

Russell led the way for the RockHounds offensively with three hits and two RBI and Crumbliss contributed two hits and three runs scored. Shawn Haviland didn't dazzle on the mound, but his 6.1 innings of two-run ball kept a struggling Midland offense in the game.

Naturals	6
RockHounds	5

TL standings

Second Half
North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Arkansas	8	5	.615	—
Northwest Arkansas	7	6	.538	1
x-Tulsa	6	7	.462	2
Springfield	5	8	.385	3

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Antonio	9	4	.692	—
x-Frisco	6	6	.500	2½
Midland	5	7	.417	3½
Corpus Christi	5	8	.385	4

x-clinched first half

Wednesday's Scores
Northwest Arkansas 6, Midland 5
San Antonio 4, Tulsa 3
Frisco 5, Arkansas 1
Corpus Christi 3, Springfield 2

Today's Games
Midland at Northwest Arkansas, 7:35 p.m.
Tulsa at San Antonio, 7:05 p.m.
Springfield at Corpus Christi, 7:10 p.m.
Frisco at Arkansas, 7:10 p.m.

Naturals 6, RockHounds 5

Midland	ab	r	h	bi	Northwest Arkansas	ab	r	h	bi
Burns cf	4	1	0	0	Adams cf	5	0	2	1
Russell ss	5	0	3	2	Calixte ss	4	0	1	0
Muncy 1b	3	0	0	1	Bonifacio rf	4	0	0	0
Marte 3b	4	0	1	1	Cuthbert 1b	3	1	0	0
Coleman 2b	4	0	0	0	Dozier 3b	4	1	2	0
Taylor c	3	0	0	0	Graterol c	4	1	2	0
Nakajima dh	4	0	0	0	Trapp pr	0	1	0	0
Myers rf	4	1	1	0	Franco 2b	4	2	4	2
Crumbliss rf	3	3	2	1	Rincon dh	2	0	1	2
					Champman rf	3	0	0	1
Totals	34	5	7	5		32	6	10	6

Midland							.000	010	013
Northwest Arkansas							.010	000	302

E — Calixte (15). LOB — Midland (8), Northwest Arkansas (5). 2b — Franco (4), Rincon (5). HR — Crumbliss (4) — Marte (2), Muncy (4), Russell (3), Adams (29). CS — Nakajima (2), Franco (3). SF — Muncy, Champman.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Midland						
Haviland	6.1	2	2	2	3	8
Hooker	0.2	4	2	2	0	0
Flores L,0-2	1.1	3	2	2	0	0
Walden	0.1	1	0	0	1	0
Northwest Arkansas						
Ferguson	6.0	3	1	1	2	7
Alexander	1.1	2	1	1	1	1
TriggsW,4-1	1.2	2	2	2	1	2

WP — Ferguson. HBP by Alexander (Burns).
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Arbitrator rules Saints' Graham is a tight end

By Brett Martel
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — The Saints' Jimmy Graham and the NFL Players Association were dealt a setback Wednesday when an arbitrator ruled that he can only be considered a tight end for the purposes of his franchise tag designation.

NFLPA had filed a grievance arguing that Graham was used as a wide receiver often enough to qualify for the more lucrative receiver tag. But arbitrator Stephen Burbank disagreed and now the NFLPA is reviewing his ruling, and will advise Graham on his options, which could include an appeal.

Graham's case is being closely watched around the league because it could set a precedent for negotiations involving players who fill diverse roles in their teams' offensive or defensive schemes. For example, some outside linebackers in a 3-4 defensive scheme could argue their right to receive the higher defensive end tag.

NFL franchise tags, which allow each team to keep one prized player who is due to become a free agent, were set this year at $7 million for tight ends and $12.3 million for receivers.

Burbank, who is also a University of Pennsylvania law professor, found that Graham could fulfill the standard duties of a tight end when he was lined up in the slot or within 4 yards of an offensive tackle, as he was for most of his snaps.

Burbank further pointed out that defenses usually accounted for Graham as a tight end, regardless of his alignment, by assigning a linebacker or safety to cover him.

"Like tight ends, wide receivers and running backs often line up in the slot," Burbank's ruling stated. "The defense employed against any player so aligned turns on the player's position, not his alignment, because of the physical attributes and skill sets of the players in those positions."

Burbank indicated there could be merit to the NFLPA contention that Graham cannot be considered a tight end when he does in fact line up as a wideout. However, because both sides stipulated that Graham lined up within 4 yards of an offensive tackle for nearly 55 percent of his snaps, Burbank said he did not need to address the minority of instances in which offensive formations employed by Saints coach Sean Payton placed Graham at a wider distance from the offensive line.

The NFL's collective bargaining agreement states that franchise tags should be applied according to the position at which a player lines up for the majority of his snaps.

AP file photo

New Orleans Saints tight end Jimmy Graham (80) tries to get past Atlanta Falcons free safety Thomas DeCoud (28) during the second half of an NFL football game in Atlanta in 2013. An arbitrator has sided with the Saints in ruling that Graham can only be considered a tight end for the purposes of his franchise tag designation. The ruling Wednesday by Stephen Burbank is setback for Graham, agent Jimmy Sexton and the NFL Players Association, who'd filed a grievance arguing that Graham was used as a wide receiver often enough to qualify for the more lucrative receiver tag.

Bucks owners admit errors made in luring Kidd

By Andrew Wagner
Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — New Bucks owners Marc Lasry and Wes Edens admit they may have made some errors in luring Jason Kidd to Milwaukee.

That doesn't mean they aren't happy to have him as the Bucks' new coach.

"Our one goal is to hire people to run it, that know what they're doing," Edens said. "Jason is someone I've admired as a player. He did a great job managing the Nets this year and we think he's the best young coaching talent in basketball."

Kidd, who was formally introduced Wednesday at the BMO Harris Bradley Center, said there were no hard feelings over his abrupt and surprising departure from Brooklyn, where he won 44 games and reached the second round of the playoffs as a first-year head coach.

Kidd dismissed the suggestion that he left after being turned down in seeking control of the Nets' basketball operations department. And he said he had no plans to seek a similar role in Milwaukee, where general manager John Hammond is under contract through the 2015-16 season.

"They are not true," Kidd said. "It's not about power. You guys ran with that. It's not about power. As I was introduced, I'm the coach."

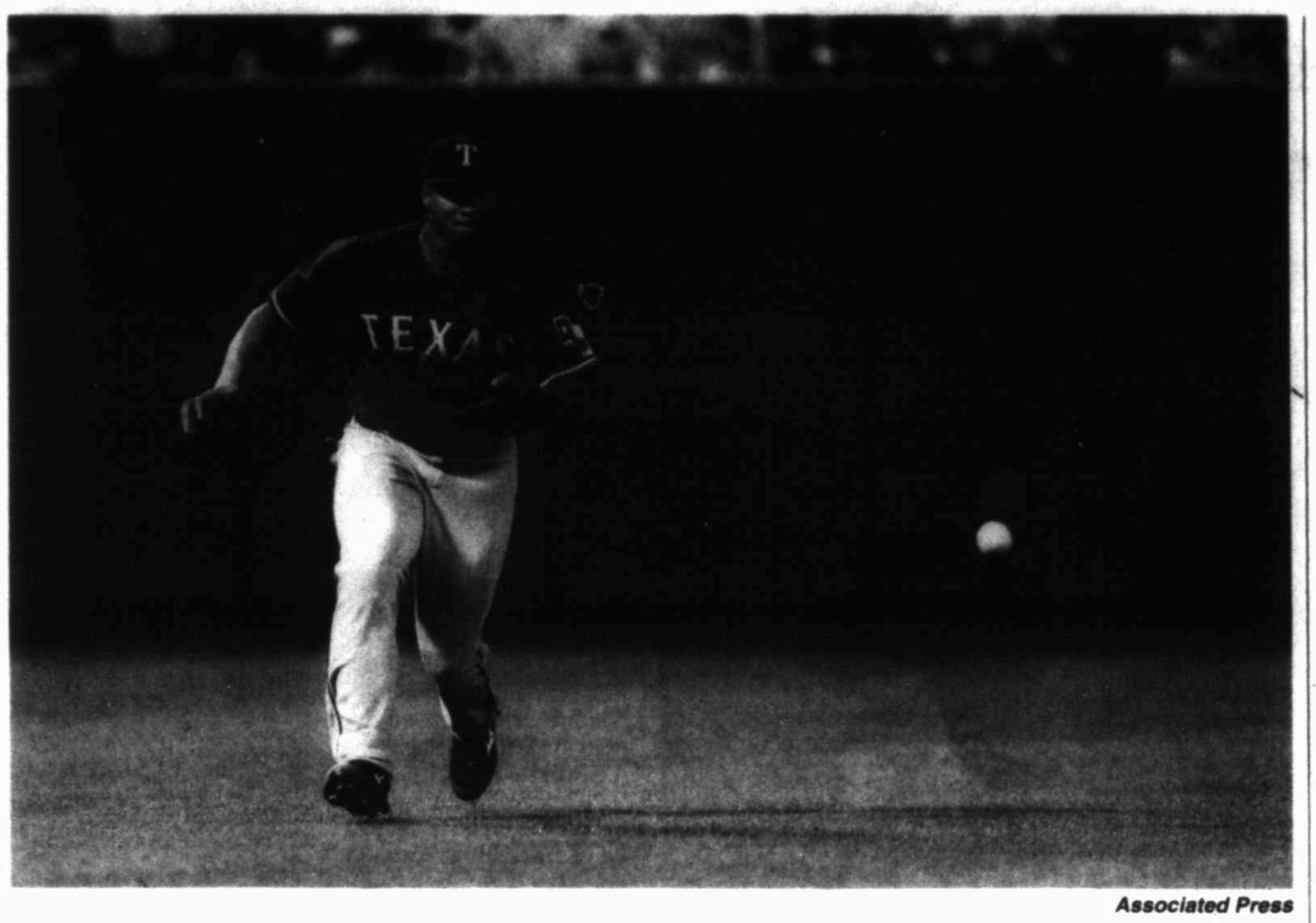
Brooklyn agreed Monday to deal Kidd to Milwaukee for second-round draft picks in 2015 and 2019. The Bucks fired Larry Drew, who had no indication he wouldn't be back for a second season. The whole affair was messy and played out in the media for days before the deal was announced, overshadowing the positive buzz surrounding the Bucks' selection of Duke star Jabari Parker with the No. 2 overall draft pick.

Lasry said it was wrong to not bring Hammond into the loop earlier in the process, which began last week when the owners sought permission from the Nets to speak with Kidd. Lasry and Kidd are friends.

"We were asked to keep it confidential," Lasry said. "In retrospect, that was a mistake. I would tell you that it was very much newness. We've learned a lot in this process. Our view, and it hasn't changed from the beginning, is that all the basketball operations goes through John. In this process, we learned we made a mistake."

Lasry and Edens said once the initial discussion took place and news leaked out, Hammond took over the negotiation with Nets GM Billy King.

If Hammond felt threatened by Kidd's presence, he wasn't showing it.



Associated Press

Texas Rangers left fielder Michael Choice fields a fly ball hit by Baltimore Orioles' Adam Jones in the seventh inning on Wednesday in Baltimore. Steve Pearce scored on the play.

MLBROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

American League

ORIOLES 6 RANGERS 4

BALTIMORE — Adam Jones and Ryan Flaherty hit solo homers and the Baltimore Orioles beat the Texas Rangers for the third consecutive game, 6-4 on Wednesday night.

The Rangers have lost eight consecutive road games, their longest drought since 2001.

Baltimore stayed within one game of first-place Toronto, which beat Milwaukee 7-4, earlier Wednesday. The Orioles (45-39) moved six games over .500, equaling a season-high.

Jones hit his 16th home run of the season and had three RBIs. Flaherty, who started at third base in place of the suspended Manny Machado, hit his fourth homer of the season.

RAYS 6 YANKEES 3

NEW YORK — One night it was Logan Forsythe with the big hit. On another it was James Loney. Then Sean Rodriguez stepped up for the streaking Tampa Bay Rays.

Just the way manager Joe Maddon likes his three-game sweeps.

Rodriguez hit a tiebreaking homer in the sixth inning and drove in three runs, helping the Rays extend their longest winning string this year to five and handing the New York Yankees their season-worst fifth straight loss, 6-3 Wednesday.

ROYALS 4 TWINS 0

MINNEAPOLIS — The Kansas City Royals have played well away from home. They're consistently capable of winning with only a couple of runs.

If they can keep this up for the summer, they'll probably be right there in the pennant race at the end.

Jason Vargas threw seven scoreless innings, Raul Ibanez homered in his second game for Kansas City and the Royals beat the Minnesota Twins 4-0 Wednesday.

"We've been running the ball out there and doing a good job of keeping our team in the ballgame, and when we're not the boys are stepping up and keeping us in the ballgame," Vargas said. "So we've got a good combo going on right now."

Vargas (8-3) allowed four singles and two walks while striking out five, allowing only two runners from a diluted Twins lineup to reach second base. Only five of their 21 outs against him were outfield flies.

"He's got all the pitches," Twins manager Ron Gardenhire said.

TIGERS 9 ATHLETICS 3

DETROIT — Justin Verlander knows he isn't going to make a sixth straight All-Star team.

A few more performances like the one Wednesday might mean he's heading in the right direction, however.

Verlander overcame a pair of long home runs in the first inning and left with a comfortable lead after the sixth as the Detroit Tigers beat the Oakland Athletics 9-3 for a three-game sweep.

National League

PADRES 3 REDS 0

SAN DIEGO — Tyson Ross threw a three-hitter for his first career shutout and Rene Rivera hit a three-run single off big league ERA leader Johnny Cueto as the San Diego Padres beat the Cincinnati Reds 3-0 Wednesday for their first three-game sweep since September.

The Padres, who tied their season high with their fourth straight win, hadn't swept a series since Sept. 6-8 against Colorado.

Ross (7-8) was dominating in throwing his first complete game in 55 career starts. He struck out nine and walked none. The lanky right-hander retired the first 11 batters before Todd Frazier singled to left. Frazier had two of the Reds' three hits.

NATIONALS 4 ROCKIES 3

WASHINGTON — After a replay review, Ian Desmond's solo homer provided the go-ahead run and the Washington Nationals rallied from a three-run deficit for 4-3 win over the Colorado Rockies on Wednesday night, sweeping the three-game series.

Jayson Werth also homered for Washington, which has won a season-high five straight.

Right-hander Matt Belisle (2-4) came on to face Desmond with one out in the seventh. Desmond's hit appeared to bounce off the top of the wall in right center, then off the railing in front of the first row and onto the field.

He ended up on third, but after a review that took 3:42, Desmond was given his 15th homer.

Washington's Doug Fister (7-2) allowed three runs on seven hits over seven innings.

Rafael Soriano pitched the ninth for his 20th save.

PIRATES 5 DIAMONDBACKS 1

PITTSBURGH — The first slump of Gregory Polanco's major league career didn't last very long.

Polanco hit a two-run homer and reached base three times, and the Pittsburgh Pirates won for the fifth time in six games 5-1 over the Arizona Diamondbacks on Wednesday night.

The 22-year-old phenom entered his fourth week in the majors without a hit in 12 at-bats over his previous three starts, dropping his average 50 points to .288. But a night after singling in his first pinch-hit at bat, Polanco doubled, walked and hit his third home run.

BRAVES 3 METS 1

ATLANTA — There was no way Julio Teheran was leaving the game after Eric Campbell's liner hit his right leg and bounced toward third base in the fourth inning.

Teheran was determined to pitch through the pain, especially after the Braves gave him three runs in the first.

Chris Johnson hit a three-run double, Teheran overcame the injury scare to pitch seven strong innings and Atlanta beat the New York Mets 3-1 Wednesday night to complete a three-game sweep.

MARLINS 5 PHILLIES 0

MIAMI — Casey McGehee reached base three times, doubled home a run and scored another Wednesday night, helping the Miami Marlins to a 5-0 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies, who lost their sixth game in a row.

CUBS 16 RED SOX 9

BOSTON — Justin Ruggiano, Mike Olt and Welington Castillo hit two-run homers to power the Chicago Cubs to a 16-9 victory over the Boston Red Sox on Wednesday night, completing a three-game interleague series sweep.

Ruggiano drove in five runs, Darwin Barney had four hits and Nate Schierholtz added a solo homer for Chicago, which won for the sixth time in seven games away from Wrigley Field and posted its first interleague sweep of three or more games since taking three from Cleveland in 2009.

It was the Cubs' first interleague sweep on the road since winning three against the crosstown rival White Sox in 2007.

Interleague

BLUE JAYS 7 BREWERS 4

TORONTO — In a short matter of time, Edwin Encarnacion came up with a fitting rhyme.

"He hanged it, I banged it," Encarnacion said after hitting a three-run homer with two outs in the ninth inning that lifted the Toronto Blue Jays over the Milwaukee Brewers 7-4 Wednesday.

Encarnacion launched a slider from Brandon Kintzler into the second deck for his 26th home run.

INDIANS 5 DODGERS 4

LOS ANGELES — Mike Aviles capped a three-run eighth inning with a two-run single against Brian Wilson, rallying the Cleveland Indians past the Los Angeles Dodgers 5-4 on Wednesday.

Ryan Raburn homered off Hyun-Jin Ryu, who was lifted after seven with a 3-2 lead.

But Wilson (1-3) retired only one of the six batters he faced, giving up a tying single by pinch-hitter David Murphy and Aviles' clutch hit after an intentional walk to Lonnie Chisenhall.

Bay Area to host Match Play, PGA, Presidents Cup

By Antonio Gonzalez
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — The southwest corridor of San Francisco is going to get all the golf it can handle over the next decade.

TPC Harding Park will host the Match Play Championship in 2015, the PGA Championship in 2020 and the Presidents Cup in 2025. The announcement was made Wednesday by PGA Tour Commissioner Tim Finchem, PGA of America President Ted Bishop and San Francisco Mayor Ed Lee at a swanky City Hall news conference.

Speaking on the second-floor balcony outside the mayor's office to a crowd that included about 100 leaders and golf officials, Finchem said the coordination between the PGA Tour and PGA of America to stage all three events at the same venue is unprecedented. He said he hopes similar collaboration can be done in the future to benefit both organizations and their fans.

"Today is an announcement of a lot of firsts," Finchem said.

The trio of tournaments adds to an aggressive schedule in the area.

The Swinging Skirts LPGA Classic, which was held on the last weekend of April this year, is set to return to Lake Merced just down the road in Daly City in 2015. And the inaugural U.S. Amateur Four-Ball Championship is scheduled from April 30 to May 6 at The Olympic Club, where the U.S. Open was last held in 2012.

Organizers are counting on the sports-saturated Bay Area market — loaded with corporate dollars from San Francisco to Silicon Valley — to provide support behind the ropes and on sponsorship banners.

The PGA Tour's commitment to hold the Match Play at Harding Park is only for one year. The tournament had typically been held in February the past eight years at Dove Mountain outside Tucson, Arizona. But the PGA Tour's contract with title sponsor Accenture ended after this year's event, leaving the event's future uncertain.

The tournament is set for April 29 to May 3 — the week before The Players Championship — next year to improve the chances of dry conditions at Harding. The title sponsor for the 2015 tournament remains unclear.

The Match Play's debut at Harding also will feature a new format. The tournament will have a similar structure to the World Cup, with group play leading into single-elimination matches.

The reconfiguration will ensure that all 64 players — determined by the Official World Golf Ranking, as in the past — are around for at least three days. Previously, single-elimination from the outset often led to quick exits for top players and fan favorites.

"It's a lot more golf," Finchem said. "It's a ton of golf. We know the fans here will relish the opportunity to have that much more golf."

Finchem, Bishop and Lee all credited Frank "Sandy" Tatum for bringing the events to Harding. Tatum, a longtime San Francisco attorney and former president of the U.S. Golf Association who turns 94 on Monday, spearheaded a renovation of the course and clubhouse, which now bears his name.

ASTROS

From 1C

managing just 31 runs in that inning in the first 83 games this season.

Peacock was replaced by Anthony Bass, who was making his first appearance since May 10 after being reinstated from the disabled list on Wednesday. Bass allowed a single by Ackley with two outs before retiring Brad Miller to end the inning.

Cano hit a two-out double in the seventh and scored on a single by Seager to push the lead to 5-2.

Young didn't allow a hit until Gonzalez's homer to right field with one out in the third inning. It was the second home run of the series for Gonzalez, who recently became Houston's everyday shortstop when opening day starter Jonathan Villar was optioned to Triple-A.

Young got back on track after that, retiring the next seven batters. Houston's didn't get another hit until the home run by Hernandez with two outs in the fifth made it 2-0.

Young has given up 14 home runs this season, which leads the team, but 11 of those homers have been solo shots.

Peacock allowed a single to Ackley with two outs in the second inning before retiring the next six batters. Buck singled with two outs in the fourth, but Peacock still faced the minimum in that inning when the catcher was out trying to stretch it into a double.

Altuve grabbed the less-than-perfect throw from rookie left fielder Domingo Santana and crawled to the bag for the out.

Peacock threw a perfect fifth inning and struck out Endy Chavez to start the sixth before the trouble began.

NOTES: The Mariners are off Thursday before opening a series with the White Sox on Friday. ... The Astros begin a four-game series against the Angels on Thursday. ... Houston optioned LHP Kevin Chapman to Triple-A Oklahoma City to make room for Bass on the roster. ... The Astros agreed to terms with international free agents RHP Franklin Perez, SS Miguelangel Sierra and C Brandon Benavente on Wednesday.

CHEATERS

From 1C

We can also be thankful Ryan Braun has suddenly lost his home run power and likely won't be an All-Star pick either. The admitted liar and cheat who plays for the Milwaukee Brewers has only five home runs since April 20 yet is still fifth among outfielders in All-Star voting.

More than 2.5 million fans have voted for Braun to be in the All-Star Game, even more than the 1.9 million ballots cast for another cheater, Melky Cabrera of the Blue Jays, who is in fourth place among American League outfielders. They've sent the message that the teams who keep shelling out millions for tainted players already have: As long as you say "I'm sorry," everything is forgiven.

Whether judges in 9th Circuit Court of Appeals are as forgiving with Bonds is anyone's guess. They tend to take lying more seriously than baseball fans, especially when the lying is done not to sports writers but a federal grand jury.

But it may be by now fans are simply numb to steroid use, and accept cheating as part of the game. Or it could be that so many fans have quit baseball in disgust that the only ones left are willing to suspend belief for anything.

They're content to keep spending their money on an uneven playing field, as long as it's their player hitting the home runs. They're happy to vote for them for the All-Star game no matter how much they cheat and lie.

And they're a big part of the reason baseball is becoming an increasingly marginalized game.

MLB STANDINGS, BOXES AND LINESCORES

STANDINGS
AMERICAN LEAGUE
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	47	39	.547	—
Baltimore	44	39	.530	1½
New York	41	42	.494	4½
Boston	38	47	.447	8½
Tampa Bay	38	49	.437	9½
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	47	34	.580	—
Kansas City	44	40	.524	4½
Cleveland	41	43	.488	7½
Chicago	40	46	.465	9½
Minnesota	38	45	.458	10
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	51	33	.607	—
Los Angeles	47	36	.566	3½
Seattle	47	38	.553	4½
Texas	37	47	.440	14
Houston	36	50	.419	16

Wednesday's Scores
Toronto 7, Milwaukee 4
Tampa Bay 6, N.Y. Yankees 3
Detroit 9, Oakland 3
Kansas City 4, Minnesota 0
Seattle 5, Houston 2
Cleveland 5, L.A. Dodgers 4
Baltimore 6, Texas 4
Chicago Cubs 16, Boston 9
Chicago White Sox 3, L.A. Angels 2

Today's Games
Texas (Darvish 8-4) at Baltimore (W.Chen 7-3), 6:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Bedard 4-5) at Detroit (Scherzer 9-3), 6:08 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Tanaka 11-3) at Minnesota (P.Hughes 8-4), 7:10 p.m.
Toronto (Dickey 8-7) at Oakland (Gray 7-3), 9:05 p.m.
Houston (Oberholtzer 2-6) at L.A. Angels (Shoemaker 5-2), 9:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	47	36	.566	—
Washington	46	38	.548	1½
Miami	41	43	.488	5½
New York	37	48	.435	10
Philadelphia	36	48	.429	10½
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	51	35	.593	—
Pittsburgh	44	40	.524	6
St. Louis	44	40	.524	6
Cincinnati	43	41	.512	7
Chicago	37	46	.446	12½
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	47	36	.566	—
Los Angeles	48	39	.552	1
San Diego	39	47	.447	10
Colorado	36	49	.424	12
Arizona	35	51	.407	13½

Wednesday's Scores
Toronto 7, Milwaukee 4
Cleveland 5, L.A. Dodgers 4
San Diego 3, Cincinnati 0
Washington 4, Colorado 3
Pittsburgh 5, Arizona 1
Chicago Cubs 16, Boston 9
Atlanta 3, N.Y. Mets 1
Miami 5, Philadelphia 0
St. Louis at San Francisco, late

Today's Games
St. Louis (C.Martinez 1-3) at San Francisco (Bumgarner 9-5), 2:45 p.m.
Philadelphia (K.Kendrick 3-8) at Miami (Hand 0-1), 5:10 p.m.
Arizona (McCarthy 2-10) at Pittsburgh (Worley 2-0), 6:05 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Greinke 10-4) at Colorado (F.Morales 4-4), 7:10 p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S AL WEST BOXES
MARINERS 5, ASTROS 2

Seattle	ab	r	h	bi	Houston	ab	r	h	bi
EnChvz dh	5	0	0	0	Altuve 2b	4	0	0	0
J.Jones cf	5	1	1	0	Presley cf	4	0	0	0
Cano 2b	3	2	1	0	Springr rf	4	0	0	0
Seager 3b	3	1	2	1	Singltn 1b	4	0	0	0
Morrsn 1b	4	1	1	2	MDmn 3b	3	0	0	0
Buck c	4	0	2	1	Corprn c	2	0	0	0
MSndrs rf	4	0	0	0	DoSrtn lf	3	0	0	0
Ackley lf	4	0	3	0	KHrndz dh	3	1	1	1
BMiller ss	4	0	0	0	MGnzlz ss	3	1	2	1
Totals	**36**	**5**	**10**	**4**	**Totals**	**30**	**2**	**3**	**2**

Seattle.....000 004 100—5
Houston.....001 010 000—2

LOB—Seattle 7, Houston 2. 2B—Cano (19), Morrison (4), Ackley (14). HR—K.Hernandez (1), Ma.Gonzalez (4).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Seattle						
C.Young W,8-4	7	2	2	2	1	8
Farquhar	2-3	1	0	0	0	1
Medina	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Rodney S,24-26	1	0	0	0	0	1
Houston						
Peacock L,2-5	5 1-3	6	4	4	2	6
Bass	1 2-3	3	1	1	0	2
Sipp	1	1	0	0	0	2
Qualls	1	0	0	0	0	0

HBP—by Peacock (Cano). WP—Peacock.
T—2:47. A—17,209 (42,060).

ORIOLES 6, RANGERS 4

Texas	ab	r	h	bi	Baltimore	ab	r	h	bi
Choo dh	5	2	1	0	Markks rf	3	1	1	0
Andrus ss	3	1	0	0	Pearce lf	2	2	0	0
C.Pena 1b	4	0	0	0	Lough lf	1	0	0	0
Rosales ph	1	0	0	0	A.Jones cf	3	1	2	3
ABeltre 3b	4	1	2	2	N.Cruz dh	4	1	1	1
Rios rf	4	0	2	1	C.Davis 1b	3	0	1	0
LMartn cf	4	0	2	1	JHardy ss	4	0	2	1
Gimenz c	4	0	1	0	Schoop 2b	4	0	0	0
Odor 2b	3	0	0	0	Flahrty 3b	3	1	2	1
Choice lf	4	0	0	0	CJosph c	4	0	0	0
Totals	**33**	**4**	**8**	**4**	**Totals**	**30**	**6**	**8**	**6**

Texas.....103 000 000—4
Baltimore.....000 103 20x—6

E—C.Joseph (2). DP—Texas 1. LOB—Texas 6, Baltimore 8. 2B—A.Beltre (19), Gimenez (8). HR—A.Jones (16), Flaherty (4). CS—L.Martin (8). S—Odor. SF—A.Jones.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Texas						
Mikolas	5 1-3	3	3	3	2	4
Frasor BS,2-2	2-3	2	1	1	1	0
Cotts L,2-5	1	2	2	2	1	1
Rowen	1	1	0	0	0	0
Baltimore						
Tillman	5 2-3	7	4	3	4	2
Brach W,2-0	1 1-3	1	0	0	0	2
O.Day	1	0	0	0	0	1
Z.Britton	1	0	0	0	0	2

WP—Frasor. Balk—Cotts.
T—3:14. A—13,478 (45,971).

TIGERS 9, ATHLETICS 3

Oakland	ab	r	h	bi	Detroit	ab	r	h	bi
Crisp cf	4	2	3	1	Adcksn cf	5	2	3	1
Gentry cf	1	0	0	0	Kinsler 2b	5	2	2	1
Callasp 3b	5	0	0	0	MCarr 1b	3	1	1	2
Cespds dh	4	0	1	0	JMrtnz rf	4	0	1	0
Moss rf	4	1	4	2	Trmnsn dh	4	0	1	0
DNorrs c	4	0	2	0	Cstllns 3b	3	1	0	0
Vogt lf	4	0	1	0	Avila c	3	1	0	0
Lowrie ss	4	0	0	0	AnRmn ss	3	1	1	0
Freimn 1b	3	0	0	0	RDavis lf	4	1	2	2
Punto 2b	4	0	0	0					
Totals	**37**	**3**	**11**	**3**	**Totals**	**34**	**9**	**13**	**9**

Oakland.....200 000 100—3
Detroit.....101 105 00x—9

DP—Oakland 1. LOB—Oakland 8, Detroit 6. 2B—Moss (15), A.Jackson (16), M.Cabrera (30). HR—Crisp (7), Moss (19). CS—Crisp (3), R.Davis (8). S—An.Romine.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Oakland						
J.Chavez L,6-5	5	8	5	5	4	5
Ji.Johnson	1-3	4	4	4	0	0
Cook	2-3	0	0	0	0	0
Abad	1	0	0	0	0	2
Francis	1	0	0	0	0	1
Detroit						
Verlander W,7-7	6	9	2	2	0	4
Alburquerque	1	2	1	1	0	1
B.Hardy	1	0	0	0	0	2
Nathan	1	0	0	0	0	0

J.Chavez pitched to 2 batters in the 6th.
HBP—by Verlander (Freiman). WP—Cook.
Alburquerque.
T—3:02. A—35,445 (41,681).

WEDNESDAY'S LINESCORES
AMERICAN LEAGUE
RAYS 6, YANKEES 3

Tampa Bay.....001 112 001 —6 12 0
New York.....101 100 000 —3 10 1

Odorizzi, C.Ramos (6), Oviedo (7), Jo.Peralta (8), Boxberger (9) and Hanigan; Nuno, Kelley (6), Warren (7), Huff (8) and McCann. W—Odorizzi 4-7. L—Nuno 2-5. Sv—Boxberger (1). HRs—Tampa Bay, S.Rodriguez (8), New York, Gardner (8), McCann (10).

ROYALS 4, TWINS 0

Kansas City.....020 000 011 —4 9 0
Minnesota.....000 000 000 —0 4 0

Vargas, W.Davis (8), G.Holland (9) and S.Perez; Correia, Guerrier (7), Fien (8), Perkins (9) and Fryer. W—Vargas 8-3. L—Correia 4-10. HRs—Kansas City, Ibanez (4).

NATIONAL LEAGUE
PADRES 3, REDS 0

Cincinnati.....000 000 000 —0 3 0
San Diego.....300 000 00x —3 7 0

Cueto, Ju.Diaz (8) and B.Pena; T.Ross and Rivera. W—T.Ross 7-8. L—Cueto 8-6.

NATIONALS 4, ROCKIES 3

Colorado.....030 000 000 —3 9 0
Washington.....000 300 10x —4 7 0

Matzek, Belisle (7), Ottavino (8) and McKenry; Fister, Clippard (8), R.Soriano (9) and Lobaton. W—Fister 7-2. L—Belisle 2-4. Sv—R.Soriano (20). HRs—Colorado: McKenry (1). Washington: Werth (7), Desmond (15).

PIRATES 5, DIAMONDBACKS 1

Arizona.....001 000 000 —1 8 3
Pittsburgh.....120 000 02x —5 12 0

C.Anderson, Delgado (4), Thatcher (7), Stites (8) and M.Montero; Morton, Ju.Wilson (7), Watson (8), Melancon (9) and R.Martin. W—Morton 5-9. L—C.Anderson 5-4. HRs—Pittsburgh, G.Polanco (3).

BRAVES 3, METS 1

New York.....000 100 000 —1 5 0
Atlanta.....300 000 00x —3 8 0

deGrom, Black (6), Familia (7), Edgin (8), Mejia (8) and d'Arnaud; Teheran, Varvaro (8), J.Walden (9) and Bethancourt. W—Teheran 8-5. L—deGrom 1-5. Sv—J.Walden (3).

MARLINS 5, PHILLIES 0

Philadelphia.....000 000 000 —0 5 0
Miami.....000 120 02x —5 9 0

Hamels, Rosenberg (6), Giles (7), Hollands (8), Bastardo (8) and K.Hill; Koehler, M.Dunn (7), Gregg (8), Hatcher (9) and Saltalamacchia. W—Koehler 6-6. L—Hamels 2-5. HRs—Miami: Saltalamacchia (8).

INTERLEAGUE
BLUE JAYS 7, BREWERS 4

Milwaukee.....103 000 000 —4 7 1
Toronto.....101 200 003 —7 11 0

W.Peralta, Duke (7), W.Smith (8), Kintzler (9) and Maldonado; Happ, Loup (8), Jamison (9) and D.Navarro. W—Jamison 3-0. L—W.Smith 1-1. HRs—Toronto, Bautista (17), J.Francisco (13), Encarnacion (26).

INDIANS 5, DODGERS 4

Cleveland.....000 200 030 —5 9 0
Los Angeles.....000 030 010 —4 9 3

Bauer, Pestano (6), Shaw (7), Atchison (8), Allen (8) and Y.Gomes; Ryu, B.Wilson (8), Howell (8), C.Perez (9) and A.Ellis. W—Shaw 3-1. L—B.Wilson 1-3. Sv—Allen (8). HRs—Cleveland, Raburn (2). Los Angeles, Van Slyke (7).

CUBS 16, RED SOX 9

Chicago.....300 321 016—16 19 1
Boston.....001 220 013— 9 16 0

T.Wood, Villanueva (4), Russell (6), Schlitter (6), Grimm (8) and Castillo; Workman, Doubront (5), Badenhop (6), Mujica (8), Breslow (9), Tazawa (9) and Pierzynski. W—Villanueva 4-5. L—Workman 1-2. HRs—Chicago, Ruggiano (3), Olt (11), Castillo (6), Schierholtz (5). Boston, Betts (1).

Wacky haircuts a feature of World Cup

By Steve Douglas
Associated Press

CUIABA, Brazil — It was an odd place to find three international footballers on the eve of a crucial World Cup game, inside a small hair salon located on the forecourt of a gas station on the outskirts of a remote Brazilian city.

But there they were, Nigeria stars Emmanuel Emenike, Kenneth Omeruo and Ahmed Musa, eager for a new style and color touch-ups for the big match against Bosnia-Herzegovina.

"They are very vain," said Dirce Cardoso, owner of the Salao de Beleza Aeroporto in southern Cuiaba. "They wanted to be pampered."

So Cardoso obliged. She canceled her other appointments, closed the salon and gave the footballers the full VIP treatment. Two of them got a Mohican and two of them had their hair dyed black.

Total cost: $71 — and Cardoso was even treated to a ticket for the match.

It seems like we have a new addition to the footballer's pre-match routine — healthy meal, massage, a few media interviews ... and a new haircut.

Rat tails, mohicans, dreadlocks, braids, bleached blond, outlandish side-partings, the "Afro" — you name a hairstyle, and at least one player is certain to have had it. And it's been the talk of Twitter during games.

Footballers appear to be pre-occupied with their hair like never before.

"I found out that my haircut got quite a lot of people talking on social media," France defender Mathieu Debuchy told The Associated Press, sporting a hairstyle that can best be described as shaved on the sides with of lizard-shaped comb-over/side-parting.

"So much the better if people talk and communicate about it. I feel good this way, I like it and that's the main thing, no?"

Ever-changing hairstyles used to be domain of David Beckham, who experimented with the shaved head, the cornrows, the Fauxhawk and bleach-blond look, among others, in the blink of an eye. Now everyone is at it, and the styles are getting bolder and bolder.

Take Portugal superstar Cristiano Ronaldo, for example. The world player of the year had a different hairstyle for each of his three games at the World Cup — for the second, against the United States, he had a zig-zag-style engraving in the right side of his head.

Similarly, Ghana striker Asamoah Gyan had a blond No. 3 dyed into the side of his black hair to represent the number of his jersey that had been handed to him by his brother, Baffour.

"It's my favorite number," Gyan said. "It's a powerful number."

The mohican is becoming increasingly popular among players and has been best demonstrated at the World Cup by enigmatic Italy striker Mario Balotelli, France midfielder Paul Pogba and Portugal's Raul Meireles.

In fact, Meireles' overall appearance has been one of the sights of the tournament, complementing his wacky hair with a bushy beard and tattoos that appear to cover almost all his body.

When Meireles and U.S. midfielder Kyle Beckerman — famous for his messy dreadlocks — collided in a challenge during their teams' group-stage match, it was more a clash of the haircuts. U.S. Soccer posted on Twitter: "Dreads vs. Mohawk/Beard" with a photo.

A combination of boredom, vanity, football being increasingly fashionable and maybe even the influence of sponsors means that players are becoming more daring with their styles.

Associated Press

Argentina's Rodrigo Palacio warms-up on the touchline during the World Cup round of 16 soccer match between Argentina and Switzerland at the Itaquerao Stadium in Sao Paulo, Brazil on Tuesday. Palacio with his shaved head except for a rat's tail at the back, arguably has the most jaw-dropping haircut at the World Cup.

WORLD CUP GLANCE

SECOND ROUND
June 28
At Belo Horizonte, Brazil
Brazil 1, Chile 1; Brazil advanced 3-2 on penalty kicks
At Rio de Janeiro
Colombia 2, Uruguay 0
Sunday
At Fortaleza, Brazil
Netherlands 2, Mexico 1
At Recife, Brazil
Costa Rica 1, Greece 1; Costa Rica advanced 5-3 on penalty kicks
Monday
At Brasilia, Brazil
France 2, Nigeria 0
At Porto Alegre, Brazil
Germany 2, Algeria 1, OT
Tuesday
At Sao Paulo
Argentina 1, Switzerland 0, OT
At Salvador, Brazil
Belgium 2, United States 1, OT
QUARTERFINALS
Friday
At Rio de Janeiro
France vs. Germany, 11 a.m.
At Fortaleza, Brazil
Brazil vs. Colombia, 2 p.m.
Saturday
At Brasilia, Brazil
Argentina vs. Belgium, 11 a.m.
At Salvador, Brazil
Netherlands vs. Costa Rica, 3 p.m.
SEMIFINALS
July 8
At Belo Horizonte, Brazil
Brazil-Colombia winner vs. France-Germany winner, 3 p.m.
July 9
At Sao Paulo
Netherlands-Costa Rica winner vs. Argentina-Belgium winner, 3 p.m.
THIRD PLACE
July 12
At Brasilia, Brazil
Semifinal losers, 3 p.m.
CHAMPIONSHIP
July 13
At Rio de Janeiro
Semifinal winners, 2 p.m.

Klinsmann was right: US not ready to win World Cup

By Ronald Blum
Associated Press

SAO PAULO — Turns out Jurgen Klinsmann was right: The United States isn't ready to win the World Cup.

The Americans were eliminated in the round of 16 for the second straight tournament. They've been ranked 13th or 14th every month since September, which means their exit was pretty much at the stage it's expected to be.

"Clearly it gives you the message you have a lot of work still ahead of you," the U.S. coach said Wednesday, a day after the 2-1 loss to Belgium in extra time.

From Wall Street to the White House to the West Coast, Americans watched their national team on television in record numbers. While buoyed by the increase in attention, players are desperate to join the world's elite and far from attaining that level.

Klinsmann was a World Cup champion as a player with West Germany in 1990 and coach of the German team that reached the 2006 semifinals. Having moved to California in 1998 with his American wife, he is seen as bringing the perspective of soccer's elite to a nation that remains a new world in the sport.

His message to players is they don't do enough. They don't play twice a week, like Champions League stars.

"It makes them feel accountable, not just walk away with a bad performance and nothing happens," he said. "If you have a bad performance, then people should approach you and tell you that, so make sure that next game is not bad anymore and that you step it up."

The Americans' final match, which kicked off at 3 p.m. CDT on a weekday, was seen by 21.6 million on ESPN and Univision.

HOWARD

From 1C

Twitter, and fans superimposed his image into all sorts of famous scenes. There's an outstretched Howard preventing the Titanic from sinking, and breaking up Diego Maradona's "Hand of God" goal.

"With social media, nothing surprises me," Howard said. "There are some very creative and fun individuals out there."

The team was scheduled to fly back to the U.S. late Wednesday, and Howard soon will return to his Premier League club, Everton.

Millions of Americans will be rooting for Howard to play in the 2018 World Cup. That's something Howard will discuss with those close to him.

"What happens going forward with the national team, I don't know," he said. "I don't think it's very black and white, to be honest. I need to figure all that out."

Howard had 15 shutouts — one behind co-leaders Petr Cech of Chelsea and Wojciech Szczesny of Arsenal — in 37 league matches for Everton this season before joining the Americans in mid-May for training camp in Northern California. In the spring, he signed a two-year contract extension through 2018 and is likely to close out his career with Everton.

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KMID	ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Black Box "Sing Like Me" (N)		Rookie Blue "Wanting" (N)		NY Med (N)		KMID News	(:35) J. Kimmel	Jessica Alba, Ben Falcone, Sia.	(:35) News Nightline
KOSA	CBS	7	7	7	7	7	7 News	Ent. Tonight	Big Bang Theory	The Millers	Big Brother (N)				Elementary "We Are Everyone"	CBS 7 News	(:35) David	Letterman	(:35) Craig Ferguson
KWWT	CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H "C.A.V.E."	Gilligan's Island	Happy Days	Hogan's Heroes	Welcome Kotter	Bosom Buddies	Bosom Buddies	Twilight Zone	Perry Mason		Dragnet
KPEJ	FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Hell's Kitchen "Six Chefs Compete" (N)		Gang "Regresso del Inferno" (N)		Modern Family	Modern Family	The Arsenio Hall Show		Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother
KMLM	IND	11	11	12	11	11	Dr. Rik Wadge	Rocks/M-anuscripts	Update News	Fruits of Zion	Light of the Southwest				Joe McGee	Matt Staver	Called Out	Biblical Israel
KWES	NBC	9	9	9	9	9	NewsWest 9 at 6 p.m.		Hwood Game Night "Hot in Hollywood"		Undate-able (N)	Undate-able (N)	Last Comic Standing		News-West 9	(:35) Jimmy Fallon		(:35) Seth Meyers
KPBT	PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		Parks and Wildlife	Daytri-pper	Last Tango in Halifax				Antiques Roadshow "Vintage Columbus"	Charlie Rose (N)	BBC News	Tavis Smiley
KUPB	UNI	4	4		4	16	De Que Te Quiero Te Quiero				Lo Que La Vida Me Robo		Que Pobres Tan Ricos		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.	Republica Mundialista	
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FLIX		340	65			165	(5:15) ★ The Odd C...		★★★ Beaches ('88, Dra) Bette Midler.						(:05) ★★★ Sarafina!		(:45) ★ The Importance of Bei...	
HBO		300	68	14	14		(4:45) ★ The Wolveri...		★★★ We're the Millers Jason Sudeikis.						The Leftovers "Pilot"	(:15) Real Sex		The Leftovers "Pilot"
HBO2		302	69	15	101	23	Sugar Ray Robinson		★ The Counselor ('13, Dra) Cameron Diaz.						★ 112 Weddings (2013, Drama)		(:40) ★★★ Gangster Squad	
HBO5		304	70	16	102		(5:25) ★★ Taken 2		Big Love		Bill Maher				★ 42 ('13, Bio) Chadwick Boseman.		(:10) ★ Seeking a F...	
MAX		380	71	17	120	24	★ About Time ('13, Rom) Domhnall Gleeson.				★★ Jack the Giant Slayer Nicholas Hoult.				Banshee		Chemist.	Movie
MAX2		382	72	18	122		Movie	(:45) ★★★ The Game ('97, Act) Michael Douglas.							★★★ Fight Club ('99, Psy) Brad Pitt.		(:20) ★ Wild Women	
PLEX				96			(5:40) ★ Justice Leag...		★★★ Elf Will Ferrell.				(:40) ★★ Bio-Dome		(:20) ★★ A Million to Juan			
SHOW		320	66	19	140	25	(5:15) ★ Legally Blon...		★★ Beauty Shop Queen Latifah.				Penny Dreadful		Penn &..	Califor.	Nurse J.	Movie
TMC		336	67	22	155	26	(5:00) ★ How to Kill...		★★ Elizabethtown Orlando Bloom.				(:05) ★ A Perfect Man			(:40) House of Yes		
A&E		27	32	28	35	47	The First 48 "Blood Alley/ Bad Deal"		The First 48 (N)		The First 48 "Cold Embrace" (N)		Scared "Chester County, SC: Girls" (N)		Beyond Scared Straight		The First 48	
AMC		40	21	23	42	51	★★★ Rocky II ('79, Dra) Talia Shire, Sylvester Stallone.						★★★ Rocky III ('82, Dra) Sylvester Stallone.				★★★ Rocky IV	
BET		58	26		40		★ Stomp the Yard ('06, Dra) Columbus Short.						★ Frat Brothers ('13, Dra) Darrin Dewitt Henson.				Wendy Williams	
BRAVO		65	63		41		Wedding	Kandi's Wedding			Kandi's Wedding		Kandi's Wedding	TBA	Married to Med (N)		TBA	H.Wives
CNBC		46	45		39	72	Amazon Rising		American Greed		American Greed		American Greed		American Greed		American Greed	
CNN		43	24	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		The Sixties		The Sixties				The Sixties	
DISC		50	20	31	24	42	Naked "Primal Fear"		Fat 'N Furious		Fat 'N Furious		Street Outlaws		Fat 'N Furious		Street Outlaws	
DISNEY		56	27	36	25	36	Dog Blog	Jessie	I Didn't	Dog Blog	Girl	Jessie	Austin	Austin	Jessie	Dog Blog	GoodLuck	GoodLuck
ESPN		32	29	48	31	30	(5:00) SprtC	ESPY Nom	SportNat	NCAA Baseball	Home Run Derby (L)				SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2		34	28	49	32	31	USBC Bowling	Queens	Tournament (L)		ESPN FC		Baseball Tonight (L)		Olbermann (L)		Olbermann	
FAMILY		53	54	34	42	33	(5:00) ★ Beetlejuice		★★ Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides Johnny Depp.						The 700 Club		Fresh P.	Fresh P.
FNC		45	58	53	23	55	On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File		Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File	
FOOD		64	59	27	68	54	Food Network Star		Chopped "Swai Not?"		Chopped Canada (N)		Chopped		Diners...	Diners...	Chopped Canada	
FSSW		37	43	50	45	29	MLB Baseball Texas Rangers at Baltimore Orioles Site: Camden Yards ... Baltimore, Md. (L)						Rangers Live (L)	Words "Jim Nill"	SportsDay OnAir	Outdoor-SouthTX (N)	WPT Poker Borgata Classic	
FX		31	31	59	64	69	2½Men	Two 1/2...	★ Act of Valor ('12, Act) Alex Veadov.						★ Fantastic 4: Rise of the Silver Surfer			Tyrant
HALLMARK		54	49	58		34	Waltons "The Theft"		Waltons "The Roots"		Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV		63	50	26	48	44	House	HouseH	Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper (N)		HouseH	House (N)	Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper	
HISTORY		71	62	29	50	43	Pwn Star	Pawn Star	Pwn Star	Pwn Star	Pawn (N)	Pawn (N)	Restore	Restore	Biker "Throwdown"		Pwn Star	Pwn Star
LIFETIME		28	25	25	28	48	(5:00) Unanswered Prayers		★ The Cheating Pact (2013, Thriller) Cynthia Gibb, Paula Trickey, Daniela Bobadilla.				★ Death Clique (2014, Drama) Tina Ivlev, Lexi Ainsworth, Barbara Alyn Woods.				★ The Cheating Pact	
MSNBC		47	51		49	73	Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN		38	39				Cycling 2013 Tour de France						Cycling '13 Tour de France Stage 21 Versailles.		Paris/ Champes-Elysees			
NICK		55	34	39	34	37	Sam, Cat	Webheads	Inst.Mom	See Dad	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE		30	22	55	53	58	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Impact Wrestling				Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops
SYFY		66	64	41	57	67	(4:30) ★★ Alien III		Defiance: Lost (N)		Dominion (N)		Spartacus: Blood (N)		(:05) Dominion		(:05) Defiance: Lost	
TBS		25	11	44	66	41	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Family Guy	Family Guy	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan Aaron Paul. Maggie Q. Ian Karmel		The Office	Conan
TCM		41	61	24	63	66	(5:00) ★ The Picture ...		★★★ I'm No Angel				(:45) ★ She Done Him Wrong		(:15) ★ Belle of the Nineties		Movie	
TELE		20	8	10	20		Caso cerrado		La impostora (SF)		En otra piel		El señor de los cielos		Al rojo	(:35) Titular.	En otra piel	
TLC		51	33	32	38	52	My Big Fat American Gypsy Wedding		Honey B. "Yodega"	Honey Boo Boo	Honey Boo "Favorite Summer Moments" (N)		Buying Naked	Buying Naked	Honey Boo "Favorite Summer Moments"		Buying Naked	Buying Naked
TNT		24	23	40	26	50	Castle "When the Bough Breaks"		Castle "Love Me Dead"		Castle "One Man's Treasure"		Castle "Kill the Messenger"		(:05) Murder in First "Burning Woman"		(:05) Perception "Shiver"	
TVLAND		49	48	35	54	35	Griffith	A. Griffith	Griffith	Griffith	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Hot In
USA		26	30	42	27	49	★★★ Bridesmaids ('11, Com) Maya Rudolph, Kristen Wiig. A broke woman tries to bluff her way through her best friend's bridesmaid rituals.						Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family		★★★ Bridesmaids ('11, Com) Maya Rudolph, Kristen Wiig	
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Bouchard or Halep will reach 1st Wimbledon final

By Dennis Passa
Associated Press

LONDON — The women with the best records at Grand Slam tournaments this year, Eugenie Bouchard and Simona Halep, will meet for a place in the Wimbledon final.

A key two-game turnaround in the first set helped Bouchard advance to her third consecutive Grand Slam semifinal by beating ninth-seeded Angelique Kerber 6-3, 6-4 on Wednesday.

Halep won 11 consecutive games to complete a 6-4, 6-0 win over 2013 finalist Sabine Lisicki.

The victories over their German opponents were no flukes. Bouchard and Halep have the best WTA records in majors this year — each with 15 wins in 17 matches.

Bouchard, the 20-year-old Canadian, and Halep, the French Open runner-up from Romania, will meet in Thursday's semifinals. The other semifinal is between 2011 champion Petra Kvitova and fellow Czech Lucie Safarova.

Bouchard saved four break points at 3-3 in the seventh game of the opening set and then broke in the next game to take control against Kerber, who pulled off a three-set upset victory over Maria Sharapova on Tuesday.

French Open finalist and third-seeded Halep was down 4-1 in the first set before winning the rest of the games.

"I wanted just to keep more rallies, point by point," Halep said of her comeback. "I stayed very aggressive, very close to the baseline, and I played my game."

Bouchard, the first Canadian woman to reach the semifinals at Wimbledon, hasn't dropped a set in five matches. She said she wasn't treating the four break points she faced in that seventh game any differently — she played her usual aggressive game.

"I try not to even think about specifically what the score is," Bouchard said. "When I try to go for it more usually it works in my favor, so I'm going to always try to do that every single point."

Bouchard came into the match against the ninth-ranked Kerber with a losing record against top 10 players — 3-4 in 2014 and 5-11 in her career. But she made it two victories in a row over Kerber, having defeated her in the fourth round at the French Open.

Bouchard's quarterfinal win will move her into the top 10 of the rankings next week regardless of whether she gets past Halep to reach Saturday's title match.

Kvitova, who beat fellow Czech Barbora Zahlavova Strycova 6-1, 7-5 on Tuesday, is the only Grand Slam champion left in the women's draw after Sharapova's loss to Kerber. Safarova beat Ekaterina Makarova of Russia 6-3, 6-1, on Tuesday.

WIMBLEDON RESULTS

Wednesday
At The All England Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club
London
Purse: $42.5 million (Grand Slam)
Surface: Grass-Outdoor
Singles
Men
Quarterfinals
Grigor Dimitrov (11), Bulgaria, def. Andy Murray (3), Britain, 6-1, 7-6 (4), 6-2.
Novak Djokovic (1), Serbia, def. Marin Cilic (26), Croatia, 6-1, 3-6, 6-7 (4), 6-2, 6-2.
Roger Federer (4), Switzerland, def. Stan Wawrinka (5), Switzerland, 3-6, 7-6 (5), 6-4, 6-4.
Milos Raonic (8), Canada, def. Nick Kyrgios, Australia, 6-7 (4), 6-2, 6-4, 7-6 (4).
Women
Quarterfinals
Simona Halep (3), Romania, def. Sabine Lisicki (19), Germany, 6-4, 6-0.
Eugenie Bouchard (13), Canada, def. Angelique Kerber (9), Germany, 6-3, 6-4.
Doubles
Men
Third Round
Vasek Pospisil, Canada, and Jack Sock, United States, def. Mate Pavic, Croatia, and Andre Sa, Brazil, 7-6 (3), 7-6 (3), 6-4.
Leander Paes, India, and Radek Stepanek (5), Czech Republic, def. Jean-Julien Rojer, Netherlands, and Horia Tecau (11), Romania, 6-1, 6-7 (5), 6-4, 7-5.
Quarterfinals
Bob and Mike Bryan (1), United States, def. Julian Knowle, Austria, and Marcelo Melo (9), Brazil (9), 3-6, 7-6 (6), 6-4, 6-4.
Michael Llodra and Nicolas Mahut (12), France, def. Julien Benneteau and Edouard Roger-Vasselin (4), France, 6-4, 6-4, 5-7, 6-4.
Women
Third Round
Sara Errani and Roberta Vinci (2), Italy, def. Shuko Aoyama, Japan, and Renata Voracova, Czech Republic, 7-5, 6-3.
Timea Babos, Hungary, and Kristina Mladenovic (14), France, def. Hsieh Su-wei, Taiwan, and Peng Shuai (1), China, 4-6, 7-6 (5), 6-2.
Ala Kudryavtseva, Russia, and Anastasia Rodionova (11), Australia, def. Raquel Kops-Jones and Abigail Spears (7), United States, 7-5, 6-4.
Andrea Hlavackova, Czech Republic, and Zheng Jie (8), China, def. Kristina Barrois, Germany, and Stefanie Voegele, Switzerland, 7-5, 6-0.
Andrea Petkovic, Germany, and Magdalena Rybarikova, Slovakia, def. Julia Goerges and Anna-Lena Groenefeld (10), Germany, 6-1, 7-6 (8).

MURRAY

From 1C

to take it on the chin and move on."

He hadn't lost a set in his first four matches, but made 37 unforced errors Wednesday, more than twice as many as Dimitrov.

"Even when I wanted to get into longer rallies, I was missing shots," the third-seeded Murray said. "I was unable to make him work as hard as I needed to."

Dimitrov was composed throughout, getting broken only once and showing off the all-court game and smooth, one-handed backhand that long ago earned him the nickname "Baby Fed" — as in seven-time Wimbledon champion Roger Federer.

On Friday, Dimitrov takes on another past champ, top-seeded Novak Djokovic, who returned to the semifinals for the fifth consecutive year by coming back to beat No. 26 Marin Cilic of Croatia 6-1, 3-6, 6-7 (4), 6-2, 6-2.

"Novak really played terrific the last two sets," said three-time Wimbledon winner Boris Becker, who's coaching Djokovic.

Djokovic was troubled by Cilic, to be sure, but also by repeated slips that prompted the Serb to change his shoes midway through the match.

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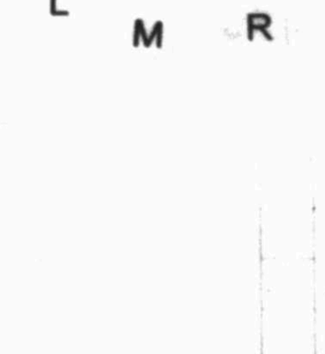

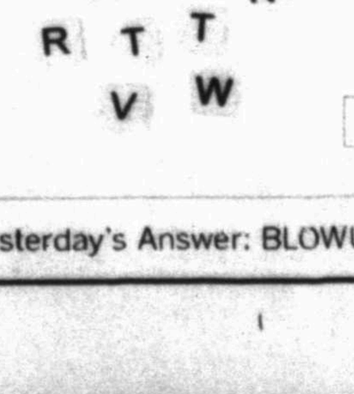

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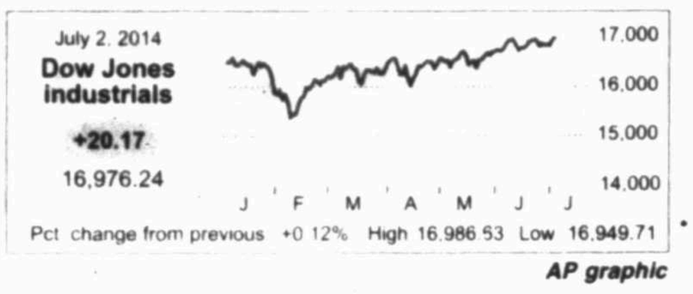

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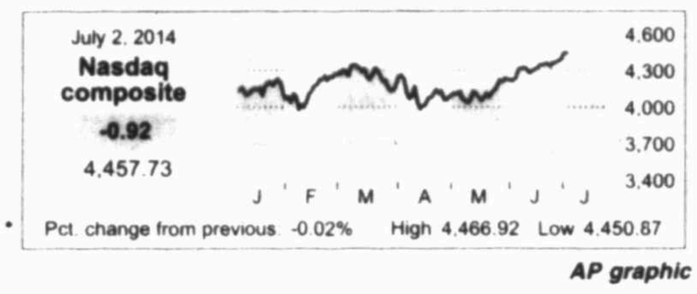

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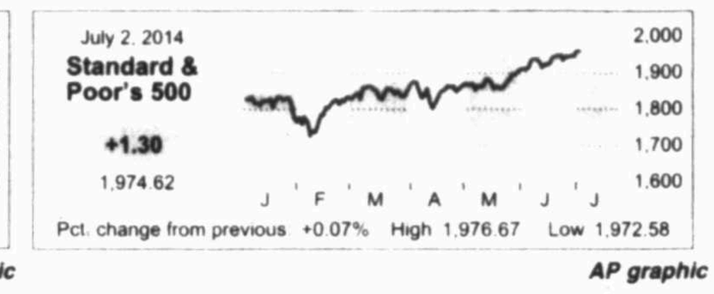

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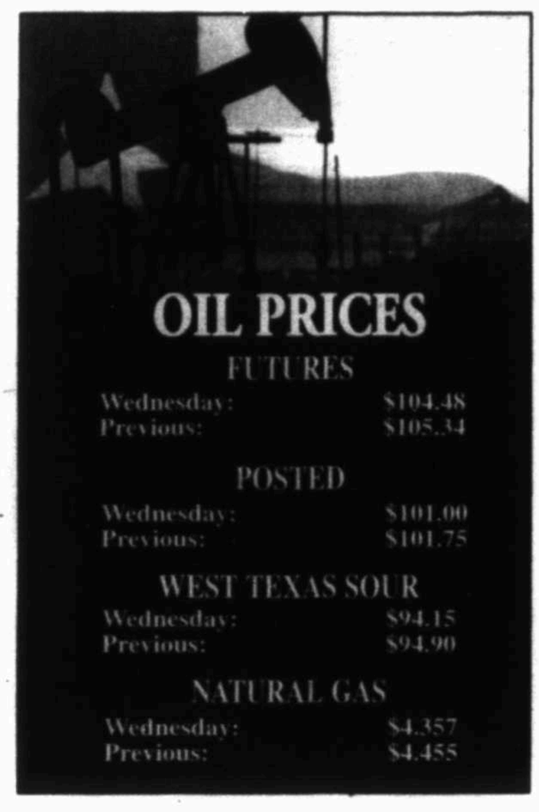

Yellen sees little threat to financial stability

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen said Wednesday that she doesn't see a need for the Fed to start raising interest rates to defuse the risk that extremely low rates could destabilize the financial system.

Yellen said she does see "pockets" of increased risk-taking. But she said those threats could be addressed through greater use of regulatory tools. Many of those tools, such as higher capital standards for banks, were put in place after the 2008 financial crisis, which triggered the Great Recession.

In her remarks at a conference sponsored by the International Monetary Fund, Yellen disputed criticism that the Fed had contributed to the 2008 crisis by keeping rates too low earlier in the decade.

Yellen acknowledged that financial stability risks "escalated to a dangerous level in the mid-2000s" and that policy-makers overlooked the vulnerabilities in the financial system that would make the subsequent decline in home prices so destabilizing. She included herself in this group of policymakers.

"Policymakers failed to anticipate that the reversal of the house price bubble would trigger the most significant financial crisis in the United States since the Great Depression," Yellen said.

She said the government has made progress since then in closing the regulatory gaps that allowed the financial crisis to erupt.

Yellen spoke one day after the Dow Jones industrial average set a record for the stock market. Some critics of Fed policies have warned that the central bank could be setting the stage for another dangerous bubble by keeping rates so low for so long.

But in her speech, Yellen said she didn't see dangerous excesses in the financial system. She said that there were isolated areas of increased risk taking but that those could be dealt with through regulatory changes rather than by raising rates.

She specifically mentioned that demand for corporate bonds, commonly called junk bonds, is rising. This suggests that investors are buying those bonds in a "reach for yield" without properly assessing the risks of a possible default on some of these bonds. But Yellen said regulators had the tools to address rising risks in specific areas.

Yellen's comments Wednesday were in line with remarks she made at a news conference after the Fed's June 17-18 meeting. She made clear then that the U.S. economy still needs help from the Fed's low rates and that she saw no need to start boosting them now. Most analysts think the Fed won't start raising its benchmark short-term rate before mid-2015.

Oil declines

The price of oil slipped Wednesday despite a report from the U.S. Department of Energy that showed stockpiles of crude fell more than expected last week.

Benchmark U.S. crude for August delivery fell 86 cents to $104.48 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange, its fifth day of declines. The contract closed at a 10-month high of $107.26 on June 20.

Brent crude, a benchmark for international oils, fell $1.05 to $111.24 a barrel in London.

The Energy Department said U.S. crude oil stockpiles fell by 3.2 million barrels last week to 384.9 million barrels. Analysts had expected a drop of 1.7 million barrels. Oil quickly rose on the news, but sold off as the afternoon progressed.

Oil prices have risen in recent weeks on concerns that violence in Iraq, OPEC's second-largest exporter, would disrupt supplies. They stabilized late last week as the stunning initial advance by insurgents lost momentum.

Copper prices rise

Copper closed at its highest price in more than four months on Wednesday as more signs of economic growth pushed prices for the industrial metal up.

Copper for September delivery gained 6 cents, or 1.9 percent, to settle at $3.27 a pound Wednesday. That's the highest price for the metal since February, according to the data provider FactSet.

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BkofAm	836158	15.85	+.25
S&P500ETF	460472	197.23	+.20
MktVGold	382375	26.48	+.24
iShEMkts	327433	43.90	+.26
DeltaAir	285595	38.24	-2.07

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
DoralFin	7.07	+3.04	+75.4
USEC Inc	11.04	+3.65	+49.4
GreenbCos	64.61	+6.90	+12.0
FstMarb rs	5.78	+.62	+12.0
BarcLgC	285.99	+29.54	+11.5

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Molycorp	2.34	-.23	-8.9
Hyperdyn	2.96	-.29	-8.9
Coupons n	22.37	-2.07	-8.5
MarcMill n	23.48	-2.05	-8.0
Dynegy wt	4.02	-.33	-7.6

DIARY

Advanced	1,170
Declined	1,941
Unchanged	118
Total issues	3,229
New Highs	194
New Lows	8
Volume	2,769,989,716

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Globalstar	94796	4.38	+.18
Ur-Energy	63549	1.27	+.07
NwGold g	31337	6.32	+.12
Augusta g	31181	3.25	+.22
VantageDrl	25284	1.93	.05

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AvinoSG g	2.44	+.21	+9.4
Augusta g	3.25	+.22	+7.3
eMagin	2.28	+.12	+5.6
Earthstone	35.25	+1.75	+5.2
GpoSemec	14.58	+.62	+4.4

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
NewConcEn	2.89	-.48	-14.2
BowlA	14.50	-1.00	-6.5
Barnwell	3.05	-.16	-5.0
TellnstEl	4.99	-.25	-4.8
UQM Tech	2.14	-.10	-4.5

DIARY

Advanced	188
Declined	213
Unchanged	26
Total issues	427
New Highs	15
New Lows	2
Volume	104,930,584

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Facebook	411837	66.45	-1.61
SiriusXM	383372	3.45	+.01
Cisco	297539	25.03	+.14
GoPro n	278579	42.04	-6.76
Apple Inc s	278173	93.48	.04

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ChinaBAK	3.56	+1.05	+41.8
ChinaNRes	4.20	+.96	+29.6
Vitacost	7.97	+1.69	+26.9
Zogenix	2.36	+.37	+18.6

LOSERS ($2.OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Ericsson	16.00	-2.65	-14.2
GoPro n	42.04	-6.76	-13.9
CalAmp	19.19	-2.87	-13.1
Tuniu n	16.52	-2.12	-11.4
MazorRbt	16.41	-1.71	-9.4

DIARY

Advanced	1,176
Declined	1,471
Unchanged	148
Total issues	2,795
New Highs	111
New Lows	16
Volume	1,558,097,303

Stocks close at all-time highs as hiring surges

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Stocks closed at their latest all-time highs Wednesday following news that business hiring surged in June, adding to evidence that the U.S. economy is picking up momentum.

ADP, a payroll processer, said businesses added 281,000 jobs last month, up from 179,000 in the previous month.

The stock market climbed back to record levels a day earlier after separate reports showed that manufacturing expanded in China and the U.S., the world's two largest economies.

"We're in the middle of what's been an extended recovery, but there's still a lot of room to go," said Ed Hyland, a global investment specialist at a JPMorgan Private Bank. "We believe that for the stock market as well."

The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 1.30 points, or 0.1 percent, to 1,974.62. The Dow Jones industrial average gained 20.17 points, or 0.1 percent, to 16,976.24. Both the S&P 500 and the Dow are at all-time highs. The Nasdaq composite fell one point, less than 0.1 percent, to 4,457.73.

Constellation Brands, which makes Corona and Negra Modelo beer, was one of the day's biggest gainers. The stock jumped $2.07, or 2.3 percent, to $90.45 after the company said its fiscal first-quarter net income soared.

Delta Air Lines was the day's biggest decliner. The stock dropped $2.07, or 5.1 percent, to $38.24 after the company said that growth in a key revenue figure slowed in June. Delta said revenue per passenger fell on international routes because of a dip in business travel to Latin America during the World Cup soccer tournament and more passenger-carrying capacity among all airlines.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $138.34 Up 1.80

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $140.38 Down 2.34

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $28.75 Down 0.06

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $88.29 Down 1.48

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $31.07 Down 0.27

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $7.75 Down 0.27

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $32.63 Down 0.73

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $30.77 Down 0.82

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $17.76 Up 0.18

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.84	11	35.67	+.19	+1.5
Abraxas	...	48	5.23	-.05	+91.0
AdamsEx	.84e	...	13.87	+.01	+6.1
AMD		87	4.34	+.12	-12.1
AlcatelLuc	18e		3.67	+.14	-16.6
Alcoa	12	48	14.85	-.05	+39.7
AlonUSA	.24		13.02	+.38	-21.3
Ambev n	.22e		7.14	.04	-2.9
AmAirl n			41.95	-1.91	-66.1
Amgen	2.44	20	121.03	+.72	+6.1
Anadarko	1.08f	...	107.63	-1.70	+35.7
Annaly	1.25e	4	11.21	.09	+12.4
Apache	1.00	23	99.85	-.66	+16.2
Apple Inc s	1.68f	16	93.48	.04	+16.6
ApldMatl	.40	32	22.79	+.13	+28.9
ATMOS	1.48	18	51.81	-.87	+14.1
AutoData	1.92	27	80.22	-.15	-.7
BP PLC	2.28	8	53.38	+.38	+9.8
BabsCCInv	1.20		15.23	.06	+2.0
BakrHu	68f	28	75.35	+.82	+36.4
BkofAm	.04	21	15.85	+.25	+1.8
B /PVix rs			87.55	-.29	-35.3
BasicEnSv			29.46	+.56	+86.7
BerkHa A	...	...	161914990.00	+999.00	+7.6
BlkHillsCp	1.56	25	59.72	-1.37	+13.7
BlackBerry			10.66	+.14	+43.3
BrMySq	1.44	28	48.24	+.12	-9.2
BrownFA	1.16	34	92.91	-.34	+25.9
BrownFB	1.16	31	94.40	-.47	+24.9
CBS B	.48	21	64.30	+1.38	+.9
CVS Care	1.10	19	76.25	+.21	+6.5
Cameron	...	24	68.25	+.18	+14.6
Caterpillar	2.80f	19	109.56	+.39	+20.6
Celestic g	...	18	12.76	-.17	+22.7
CntryLink	2.16	...	35.94	-.38	+12.8
ChesEng	.35	24	29.25	+.01	+13.9
Chevron	4.28f	13	130.23	-.31	+4.3
Chicos	.30	23	17.07	-.06	-9.4
Cimarex	.64	27	141.31	-1.76	+34.7
Cisco	.76	17	25.03	+.14	+12.4
Citigroup	.04	11	48.01	+.55	-7.9
ClayEng	...	60	138.34	+1.80	+68.8
CocaCola	1.22	23	42.29	...	+2.4
ColgPalm	1.44	30	68.47	-.01	+5.0
ConAgra	1.00	42	30.52	+.43	-9.4
ConchoRes	...	47	140.38	-2.34	+30.0
ConocoPhil	2.76	14	85.86	-.25	+21.5
CrackerB	4.00f	19	100.02	-.60	-9.1
CSVInvNG			3.27	+.16	-63.0
CrosTim	2.71e	13	33.25	+.08	+13.1
DCP Mid	2.98f	42	56.50	-.54	+12.2
DTE	2.76f	18	75.68	-1.51	+14.0
Dataram h			2.97	-.05	+14.2
Dawson	.32	42	28.75	-.06	-15.0
DeltaAir	.36f	3	38.24	-2.07	+39.2
DevonE	.96	19	78.58	-.50	+27.0
DrxSCBear			13.69	+.19	-19.3
Disney	.88f	22	86.44	-.03	+13.1
DowChm	1.48	14	51.52	-.02	+18.0
EOG Res s	.50	27	116.23	-.32	+38.5
EmpDist	1.02	15	25.22	-.43	+11.2
Energen	.60	37	87.95	-1.58	+24.3
EngyTsfr	3.74f	...	58.02	-.16	+1.3
EnPro	...	67	72.92	-.19	+26.5
EntPrPt	2.84f	28	78.53	-.26	+18.4
Ericsson	.46e	...	12.12	+.02	-1.0
Exelon	1.24	16	34.59	-1.11	+26.3
ExterranH	.60	29	44.94	-.16	+31.4
ExxonMbl	2.76f	11	101.57	+.21	+.4
Facebook		87	66.45	-1.61	+21.6
FordM	.50	11	17.22	+.01	+11.6
ForestOil		19	2.31	+.03	-36.0
FMCG	1.25	15	37.83	+.98	+.3
GATX	1.32	17	67.61	...	+29.6
GT AdvTc	...	...	19.77	+.51	+126.9
GabMultT	.88	...	9.94	-.02	-19.9
GAInv	2.10e	...	37.14	-.04	+8.5
GenElec	.88	20	26.61	+.21	-5.1
GenMotors	1.20	20	37.74	+.15	-7.7
GileadSci	...	32	87.10	+1.81	+16.0
GoPro n	...	...	42.04	-6.76	+34.1
GtPlainEn	.92	16	28.39	-.44	+8.7
Groupon	...	...	6.50	-.03	-44.8
HalconRes	...	...	7.37	-.05	+90.9
Halliburtn	.60	24	70.82	-.03	+39.5
iShBrazil	1.55e	...	47.32	-.56	+5.9
iShJapan	.17e	...	12.22	-.03	+.7
iShChinaLC	.71e	...	38.02	+.70	-.9
iShEMkts	.71e		43.90	+.26	+5.0
iS Eafe	2.23e		69.08	+.11	+3.0
iShR2K	1.45e		119.10	-.92	+3.2
IntegrysE	2.72	21	69.10	-1.23	+27.0
Intel	.90	17	30.98	...	+19.4
InterDig	.80f	42	48.35	+.10	+64.0
JPMorgCh	1.60f	14	56.97	-.60	-1.9
JohnJn	2.80f	20	105.86	-.01	+15.6
KimbClk	3.36	20	111.44	-.08	+6.7
KindME	5.52f	34	82.73	-.03	+2.6
KindMM	5.52f	50	78.65	-.78	+4.0
KiteRlty	.26		6.40	+.16	-1.7
LegacyRes	2.38f	...	31.07	-.27	+10.3
Lubys	...	...	5.68	-.07	-26.4
MannKd			9.88	-.44	+90.0
MktVGold	19e		26.48	+.24	+25.3
McDnlds	3.24	18	100.53	-.47	+3.6
Merck	1.76	39	59.05	+.54	+18.0
MeritMed	...	35	15.51	+.01	-1.5
MexcoEn		52	7.75	-.27	+12.3
MicronT		11	33.76	-.22	+55.2
Microsoft	1.12	16	41.90	+.03	+12.0
NQ Mobile			6.76	+.39	-54.0
Nabors	.16	64	30.02	+.16	+76.7
NatGrid	3.48e	...	75.46	+.25	+15.5
NOilVarco	1.84f	15	82.61	+.20	+15.3
NewLead rs	...		.18	-.06	-100.0
NthStAst n			18.41	-.79	-2.1
NvMAd	.80e	...	13.20	-.17	+8.6
NvPMI	.86	...	13.35	-.20	+7.9
NuvPI	.86	...	13.43	-.13	+8.9
NSTFI3	.63e	...	13.93	-.07	+8.2
NTXQI	.70e	...	14.22	-.11	+10.7
OcciPet	2.88	14	102.24	-.56	+7.5
Oi SA	.14e	...	.80	+.02	-49.7
Oracle	.48	17	40.95	+.18	+7.0
PerTech	...	...	4.21	-.02	-22.8
PetsDrl	...	26	8.93	+.22	-14.8
PetIUTI	.40	32	35.94	+.60	+41.9
Penney	...	...	9.36	+.29	+2.3
PennaRE	.80	...	18.90	-.01	-.4
Petrobras	.46e	...	14.44	-.13	+4.8
Pfizer	1.04	17	30.37	+.29	-.8
PioNtrl	.08	...	224.55	-4.20	+22.0
PlainsAAP	2.52f	25	59.13	-.69	+14.2
PwShs QQQ	1.30e		95.10	+.16	+8.1
Praxair	2.60	23	132.73	-.11	+2.1
PrmEgy	...	15	60.49	...	+19.8
ProctGam	2.57f	21	79.56	+.28	-2.3
RangeRs	16	62	85.62	+.25	+1.6
RiteAid		42	7.17	+.06	+41.7
Rowan	.40	16	31.75	-.13	-10.2
RoyDShllA	3.76f	11	83.12	+.33	+16.6
SpdrDJIA	3.58e		169.40	+.20	+2.4
S&P500ETF	3.58e		197.23	+.20	+6.8
SabnR	4.11e	15	59.55	-.27	+17.8
SanderFm	.80	12	98.49	+.57	+36.2
SandRdge	...	...	7.02	-.05	+15.7
Sapient	...	27	16.29	-.16	-6.2
Schlmbrg	1.60	22	117.73	-.12	+30.7
SigmaAld	.92	25	102.15	-.08	+8.7
SiriusXM	...	57	3.45	+.01	-1.3
Smucker	2.32	20	106.63	-.18	+2.9
SPDR Fncl	.35e		22.86	-.02	+4.6
SP Util	1.47e		42.97	-.85	+13.2
StemCells	...		2.29	+.29	+86.2
SunEdison	...		22.89	-.23	+75.4
SunocoL s	1.39f	33	46.85	-.46	+24.1
TECO	.88	19	18.10	-.27	+5.0
TaiwSemi	.50e	...	22.38	+.41	+28.3
TelefEsp	1.03e	...	17.06	-.17	+4.4
Tesoro	1.00	19	60.53	+.87	+3.5
3M Co	3.42	21	145.23	+.67	+3.6
Torchmrk s	.51	14	54.83	-.10	+5.2
TriPointe	...	22	15.46	-.39	-22.4
TriContl	.68e	...	21.05	-.06	+5.4
Twitter n			41.77	-.28	-34.4
TylerTech	...	79	95.83	+.80	-6.2
USEC Inc			11.04	+3.65	+66.8
UBWV	1.28	18	32.15	-.56	+2.2
UtdContl		38	39.27	-2.99	+3.8
Vale SA	.84e	...	13.70	+.24	-10.2
ValeroE	1.00	9	50.83	+.51	+.9
VerizonCm	2.12	11	49.66	+.29	+1.1
VulcanM	.20	61	63.53	-.78	+8.9
Walgrn	1.26	25	73.04	-.74	+27.2
WellsFargo	1.40f	13	52.66	-.06	+16.0
WstnRefin	1.04	17	38.79	+.70	-8.5
Weyerhsr	.88	29	32.90	+.45	+4.2
WhitingPet		17	80.01	-.61	+29.3
WmsCos	1.70f	70	58.35	-.20	+51.3
Windstrm	1.00	25	9.89	-.06	+23.9
XcelEngy	1.20	16	31.51	-.53	+12.8
Xerox	.25	13	12.34	-.04	+1.4
Yahoo	...	30	35.88	+.53	-11.3

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INDEXES

52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
16,998.70	14,551.27	Dow Jones Industrials	16,976.24	+20.17	+.12	+2.41	+13.26
8,295.29	5,952.18	Dow Jones Transportation	8,232.59	-29.11	-.35	+11.24	+32.90
576.98	464.81	Dow Jones Utilities	560.19	-10.66	-1.87	+14.19	+16.92
11,394.65	8,814.76	NYSE Composite	11,050.32	+3.71	+.03	+6.25	+20.97
2,822.90	2,186.97	Amex Index	2,819.05	+16.76	+.60	+16.19	+24.34
4,471.60	3,294.95	Nasdaq Composite	4,457.73	-.92	-.02	+6.73	+29.45
1,978.58	1,560.33	S&P 500	1,974.62	+1.30	+.07	+6.83	+22.24
21,070.57	16,442.14	Wilshire 5000	20,997.11	-11.75	-.06	+6.55	+22.77
1,213.55	942.79	Russell 2000	1,199.50	-6.45	-.53	+3.08	+21.02

TODAY: Partly sunny High: 92 Low: 71

FRIDAY: Mostly sunny High: 94 Low: 71

SATURDAY: Sunny High: 96 Low: 73

SUNDAY: Mostly sunny High: 94 Low: 72

MONDAY: Mostly sunny High: 93 Low: 72

TUESDAY: Sunny High: 94 Low: 73

Local forecast

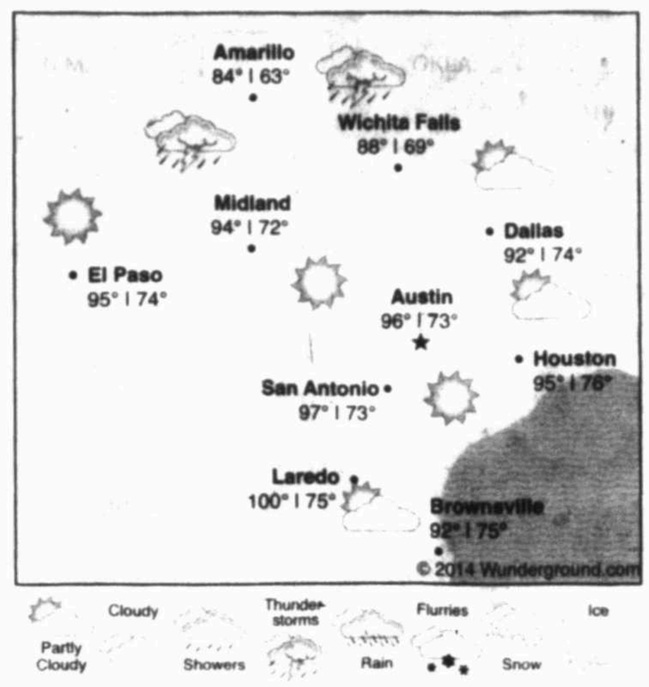
Expect partly sunny skies today with a high around 92 and southeast winds between 5 and 15 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for partly cloudy conditions with a low around 71 and south winds between 5 and 15 mph. There is a 20 percent chance of isolated showers and thunderstorms during the day.

Friday, look for mostly sunny skies with a high around 94 and south winds between 5 and 15 mph. Expect partly cloudy conditions at night, with a low around 71 and south winds between 10 and 15 mph.

The high on Wednesday reached 93, while the low dropped to 74. The record high for July 2 is 112 set in 1989. The record low is 60 set in 1936.

National forecast

Tropical Storm Arthur is forecast to strengthen while approaching the coast of North Carolina on today. Surf will continue to build from northeastern Florida to Long Island, New York, and may become dangerous from the Carolinas to southeastern Virginia. Squalls will increase along the coast of the Carolinas, with coastal flooding starting later in the day.



Precipitation

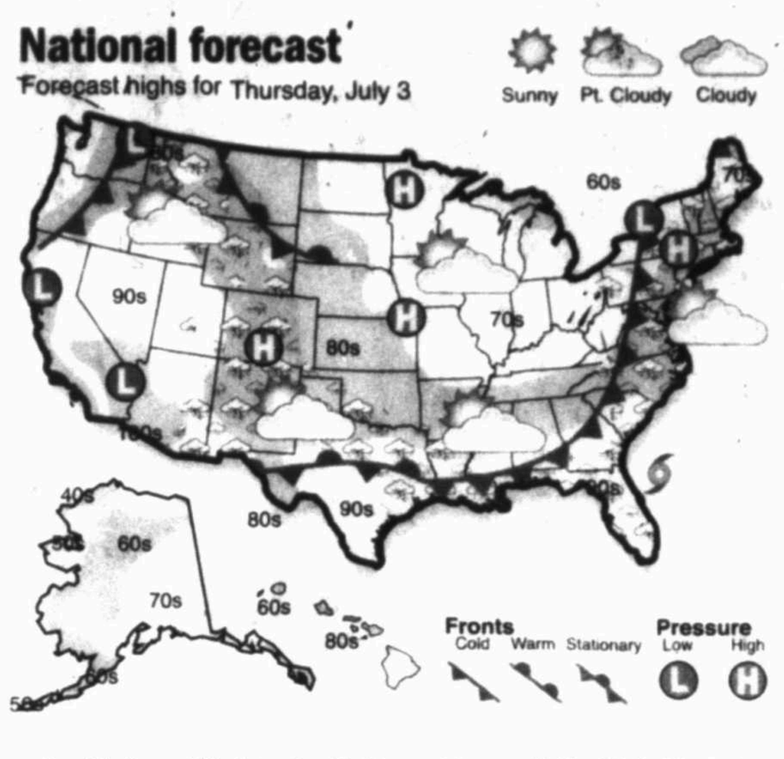
Tuesday	0.00 in.
Wednesday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.00 in.
Year total	3.64 in.
Normal total (year to date)	6.18 in.

Wednesday's temperatures

High	93
Low	74
Normal high	95
Normal low	69
Sunrise	6:47 a.m.
Sunset	8:59 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Thursday, July 3



Homophobic brother changes his tune when daughter comes out

DEAR ABBY

Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069. Her column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.

DEAR ABBY: I am a gay man who has had a difficult, distant relationship with my only brother, "Bill." He has made many nasty, homophobic remarks, and my partner, "Jon," has been excluded from many family gatherings. Because Jon wasn't welcomed I also did not attend those gatherings, and I endured further wrath because I didn't.

Bill's daughter has just announced that she is a lesbian. His reaction is mystifying. He has embraced her and her partner and has lovingly included them into the heart of the family.

I am happy that my niece has found love and support. I am also jealous that she has a better father than I did a brother. Are my feelings justified? — SAD SIBLING IN VIRGINIA

DEAR SAD SIBLING: Of course your feelings are justified. You are human, and your skin isn't made of Teflon. It's sad that your brother couldn't have treated you and Jon with more compassion and understanding.

I find it interesting how people's perspective can radically change when a child of theirs is involved. Now let's see if your brother's attitude toward you changes, and how forgiving you and your partner can be if it does.

DEAR ABBY: I bought a friend a gift recently. Her response? "You should have just given me the money because I really need it." A few years ago, I was going to buy another friend an expensive pair of shoes and she convinced me not to because she said she could buy 10 pairs from a discount store for the amount I was planning to spend.

I love giving gifts during the holidays and for birthdays, and enjoy choosing things I think my friends might like or need. I hate giving money! Isn't part of the gift-giving experience for the giver, too?

I feel it should be my choice to buy whatever I want for someone, and their response should just be, "Thank you." It irks me when people dictate to me what I should give them. Am I just being a control freak, or do I have the wrong idea of gift-giving? — GIFT GIVER IN TEXAS

DEAR GIFT GIVER: A thoughtful gift giver selects things the recipient can use and enjoy. A grateful recipient doesn't look a gift horse in the mouth and say she'd prefer the cash.

However, the woman who convinced you not to spend hundreds of dollars on a pair of designer shoes she might not be able to return was, I think, doing both of you a favor. While it's your prerogative to give whatever you want to whomever you want, don't you think it makes more sense to bestow something the person can use and enjoy than to satisfy your ego?

DEAR ABBY: Can you settle a dispute for me? When you go up to a house with two doors — a regular door and a screen door — and there is no doorbell, is it proper to open the first door and knock on the second door or is it considered rude? — KNOCK, KNOCK

DEAR KNOCK, KNOCK: Because in the absence of a doorbell the only way you can make your presence known would be to knock, open the screen door and knock. Then step back and close the screen door so you're not intruding on the space of the person who answers it.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Play or defend?

North-South vulnerable. East deals.

NORTH
♠ 7 6 5 2
♡ K 6 2
◇ J 6 3
♣ K Q 3

WEST
♠ K J 9 4
♡ Q J 5 4
◇ 10 4
♣ 10 5 2

EAST
♠ 8 3
♡ 10 8
◇ 5 2
♣ A J 9 8 7 6 4

SOUTH
♠ A Q 10
♡ A 9 7 3
◇ A K Q 9 8 7
♣ Void

The bidding:

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
4♣	5♣	Pass	5NT
Pass	6	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Opening lead: Two of ♣

This hand is from a game played some 40 years ago. Study the deal above and decide — would you rather defend or declare six diamonds oh a club lead?

Declarer has 10 tricks and needs two more. Against most players, you should choose to defend, but South on this deal was the legendary Giorgio Belladonna, of Italy. The king of clubs was played from dummy at trick one, covered by East and ruffed by South. Next came two high trumps, followed by a trump to dummy's jack. South cashed the queen of clubs, discarding the 10 of spades from hand, ruffed a club, and began running the trumps. With one trump to go, this was the position:

NORTH
♠ 7 6 5 2
♡ K 6 2
◇ Void
♣ Void

WEST
♠ K J 9
♡ Q J 5 4
◇ Void
♣ Void

EAST
♠ 8 4
♡ 10 8
◇ Void
♣ J 9 8

SOUTH
♠ A Q
♡ A 9 7 3
◇ 9
♣ Void

On the lead of the last diamond, West was crushed. A spade discard would allow South to shed a heart from dummy and play the ace and queen of spades from hand, setting up two long spades in dummy. A heart discard and South would play the ace, king and another heart, establishing the long heart in his hand while end-playing West, who would be forced to lead a spade into declarer's ace-queen.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

The stars show the ***kind of day*** *you'll have: 5-dynamic; 4-positive; 3-average; 2-so-so; 1-difficult*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, July 3, 2014:

This year you are far more stable than you have been in the past. You know what you want, and you know what direction you are heading in. You will witness an increase in your funds in the next 12 months, though you could spend as much as you bring in. Try to simplify. If you are single, you could meet someone out of the blue. This person might just be your soul mate. If you are attached, the two of you can be explosive in arguments, yet you always kiss and make up. Try to get to the bottom of what causes these upsets. VIRGO has a cold yet deliberate style of asking questions.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Let others fuss about the last-minute details of getting together this July 4th. A partner or dear friend will take the lead, but he or she still might complain. You'll witness a change of tune with an older friend. Check in, and make sure that he or she feels OK. Tonight: In party mode.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Your imagination soars and clears up obstacles with ease. You might be more in the mood for a holiday party than you realize. Don't hesitate to delegate any work involved with planning a get-together. Tonight: Let the party begin.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ Stay anchored. You know what you want and how to get it. You could be exhausted by recent activities, and you easily could be cranky when dealing with others. Make it a point to let go of a problem that has been on the backburner. Tonight: A little rest and relaxation.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ You'll feel much better than you have in a while. Others might not agree with your plans for a fun few days. Though you love staying at home and enjoying all the creature comforts, not everyone else does. Be open to different suggestions. Tonight: Let the fireworks begin.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ Be aware of your tendency to be overcritical. You suppress your ingenuity when you fall into a negative mindset. Pressure could build around what you must do. Understand that you might need to reorganize your schedule. Tonight: Treat a loved one to a celebration.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ You might not be aware of how much your natural, relaxed ways draw others to you. Resist becoming upset because of a hassle or two — it is not worth it. An important bond you have with a child seems to be changing. Make an adjustment. Tonight: Let it all hang out.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ You need some downtime. Even if you are out and about, you are likely to remain closed off. Wouldn't it be better to take off for a day or two and get some "you" time? Reach out to a loved one at a distance and share what ails you. Tonight: Nap first, then decide.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Zero in on friends' plans, and maintain an even pace in order to clear up what must be done. Be more forthright in how you deal with a close relative or loved one. This seems to be changing in front of your eyes. Tonight: Where the people are.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ You might feel pressured once more by a parent or loved one. Be sure to respond to others' authority and concerns. You could feel as if you have to respond to each request, thus creating more stress for yourself. Allow others to pitch in more often. Tonight: Celebrate.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ Connect with someone at a distance whom you might have plans with for the holiday. You have the ability to clear out a lot of obstacles quickly. A friend or loved one might seem remote. Don't read too much into this, as he or she behaves like this often. Tonight: Switch gears.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ Someone you care a lot about could be quite demanding. Don't allow this person to force your hand. How you see a situation could be changing. Listen to your intuition about what is going on. Maybe you can root out the problem. Tonight: Join a friend.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ Others come forward with suggestions. They seem to be very concerned about how you feel. Let them dote on you for a change, as it usually is the other way around. Do yourself a favor and relax. Forget about entertaining; instead, be entertained. Tonight: Enjoy the evening.

BORN TODAY

Novelist Franz Kafka (1883), actor Tom Cruise (1962), journalist Julian Assange (1971)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Just the right amount of tight
5 Hip-hop's Run-
8 Significant
14 *Approach
16 *Overly ornate
17 Beef at the dinner table
18 Provoke
19 Sports drink suffix
20 Healing aid, briefly
21 Some August babies
22 Cyrus the Great's domain
24 *Messing with one's head
28 Right in an atlas
29 Author Dahl
31 Cease, with "off"
32 High-tech debut of 1981
34 Butcher's offering
36 What the answers to starred clues are comprised of
40 Dressing vessel
41 "Oh, yeah!"
42 Minor concern, maybe
43 In a way, informally
45 Cries of pain
49 *Tom Wolfe coinage for the 1970s
52 "60 Minutes" first name
54 Choice usually made secretly
55 Minute measures: Abbr.
56 Rehab concern, familiarly
57 Like old videos
60 Zealous to the extreme
62 *Drink of the gods
63 *Simple forecasting aid
64 Eucharist plates
65 Suffix for Brooklyn or Manhattan
66 "Lemme __!"

DOWN

1 Tough spot
2 "I'm stumped"
3 Earthy colors
4 Angela Merkel's country: Abbr.
5 *Sell weaponry
6 Like the days of the week, in Spain
7 Old PC component
8 Transgress
9 __ insurance
10 Asian menu assurance
11 Gold or silver source
12 Pie holder
13 D.C. summer setting
15 "The Little Red Hen" denial
21 Short, for short
23 Michael of R.E.M.
24 Gruesome
25 Hand lotion ingredient
26 __ best friend
27 Major TV logo
30 Go (for)
33 AI game competitor
34 Play (with)
35 Annual celebrations, casually
36 Impulse
37 Took to court
38 Housing plan unit
39 *Appalachian resource
40 Rotating piece
43 Half-goat creatures of myth
44 Lines of praise
46 Dated
47 Sloppy kiss
48 Nervous
50 Cybernotice for a party
51 Late-night host O'Brien
53 Business sign abbr.
55 IOU
57 Econ. yardstick
58 "In Dreams" actor Stephen
59 Fake being
60 Doughboy's conflict, briefly
61 Actress Mendes

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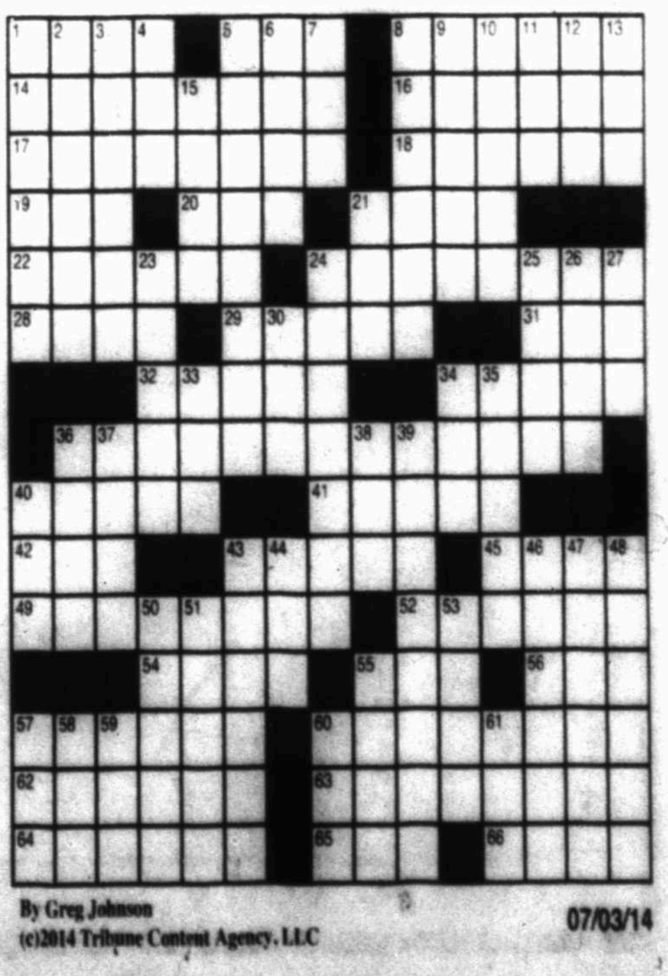

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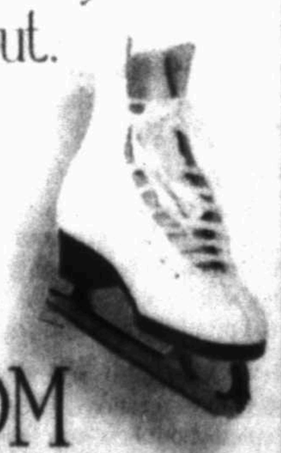

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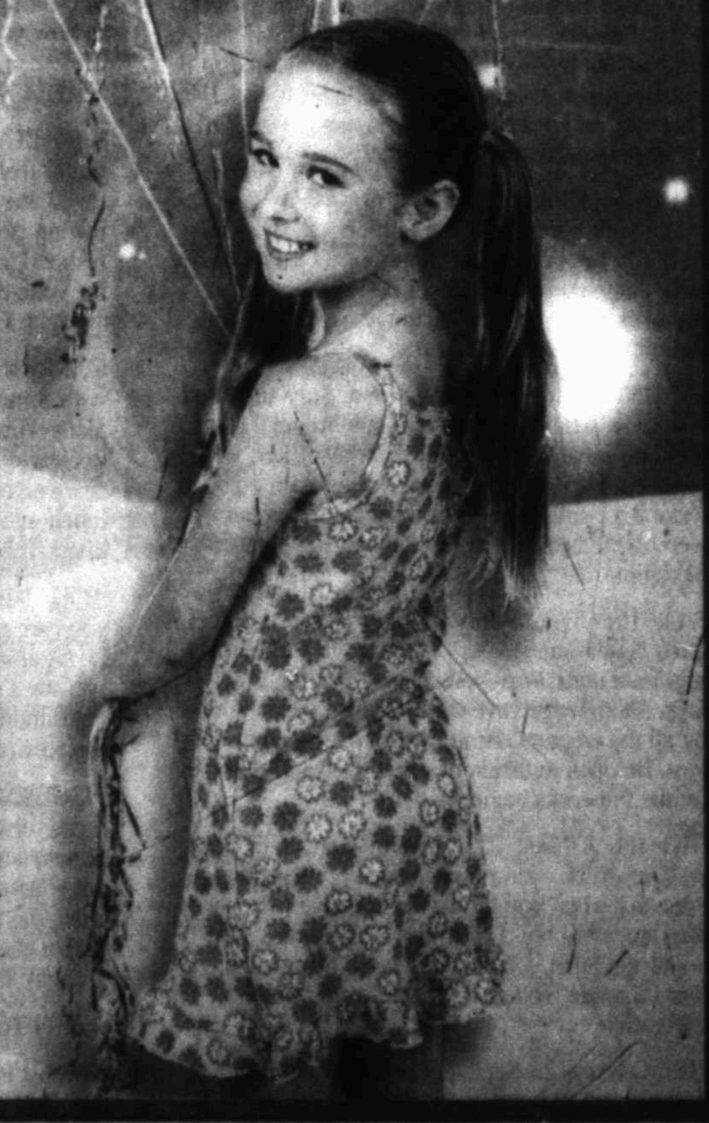

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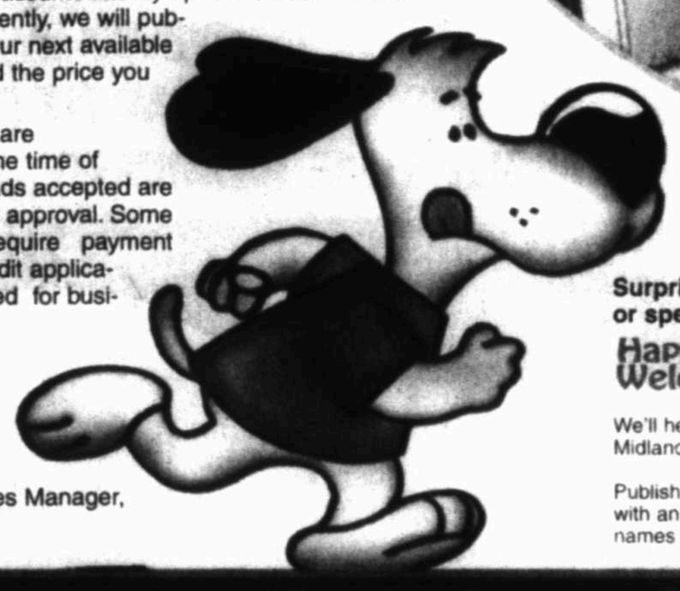

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Generally located on the northwest corner of the intersection of S. Garfield Street and Front Street.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR COMMERCIAL INJECTION WELL PERMIT

Ruger Properties, LLC, PO Box 9685, Midland, TX 79708 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a commercial permit to inject fluid into a formation not productive of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the San Andres formation from the RAD SWD #1. The proposed injection well is located 14 miles SE of Midland, TX and will be associated with the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field. The well will be located in Sec. 8, Blk. 37, T3S, T&P RR Co, Survey, Midland Co., TX. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface interval from 4000' to 5500'.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, PO Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, TX 78711 (Telephone 512-463-6792).

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID DISPOSAL WELL PERMIT

CHEVRON U.S.A. INC. #15 SMITH ROAD, MIDLAND, TEXAS 79705, is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas to permit to injection fluid into a formation which is not productive of oil or gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Grayburg and San Andres formations, in the following.

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Notice Of Application For Fluid Injection Well Permit

XTO Energy, Inc., Opr. No. 945936, 200 N. Loraine Street, Suite 800, Midland, Texas 79701 applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas to reenter a plugged and abandoned well and to obtain an injection permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to dispose of these fluids into the Clearfork Formation in the Goldsmith, C.A., Et al Lease, well number: 661R. The proposed injection well is located 4 miles south from the city of Goldsmith in the Goldsmith (Clearfork) Field, in Ector County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 4969' - 7867' feet.

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The Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Midland, Texas will hold a public hearing at 3:30 p.m. on Monday, June 30, 2014 in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 North Loraine, on a request by Bryan Kuykendall for approval of a Residential Replat on: On Lot 12, Block 2, Country Sky Addition, Section 3, City and County of Midland, Texas.

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NOW HIRING EXTRA! EXTRA!

Part Time Day Associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE
Must be able to work Monday thru Saturday from 8am-6pm. Tuesday will be here later till about 8 or 9 pm. Need to be able to work on your feet thru 6-8 hour shift. Will work at night occasionally. We will train the right person
Pay $10.00 per hour paid every 2 weeks

These positions require some physical lifiting of 5-15 lbs. Must be able to bend and stand for at least a 6 hr. shift. No experience required; we will train you. Work performed in this department includes processing and handling of newspaper bundles. Applicants must be dependable, be over 18, and have a valid ID card and Social Security card with dependable transportation.

Apply in person at: 201 E. Illinois, Lobby Information Desk • Monday-Friday 8-5 or email: jmaddox@hearstnp.com
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Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN ITS DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR NIGHT TIME ASSOCIATE

Night time associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE
Must be able to count at a fast pace. Be able to work between the hours of 12-6 am Sunday night thru Friday night and be able to work Saturday night 8pm -4am. Will be working inside and outside depending on the job you are doing that night. Will be 5-6 nights per week. We will train the right person
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Receptionist
Receptionist needed for busy Pediatric office some experience preferred but will train. Please send resume to Premier Physicians, Attn: Arita Routh, P.O. Box 5291, Midland, TX 79704 or fax to (432) 682-2284. No phone calls please.
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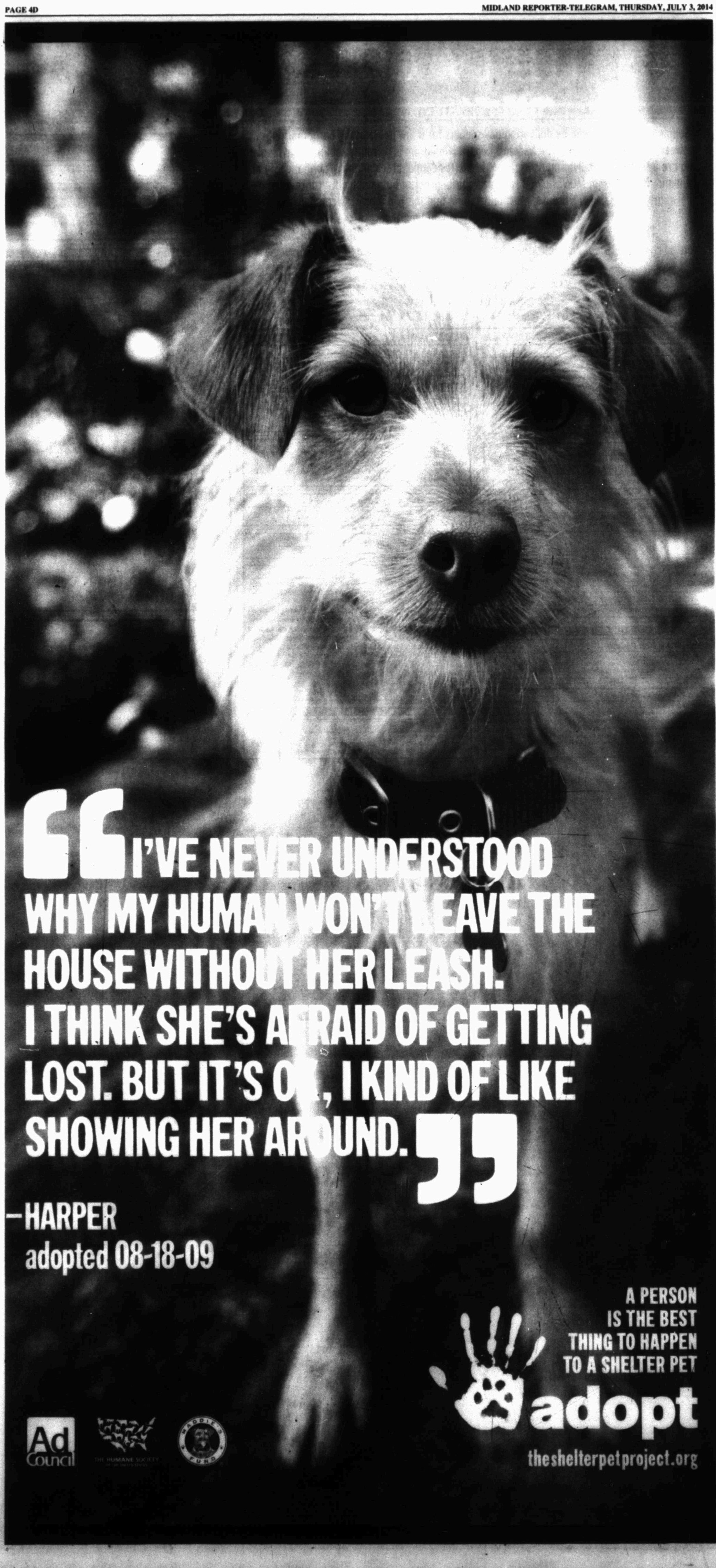
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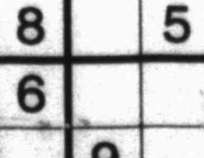

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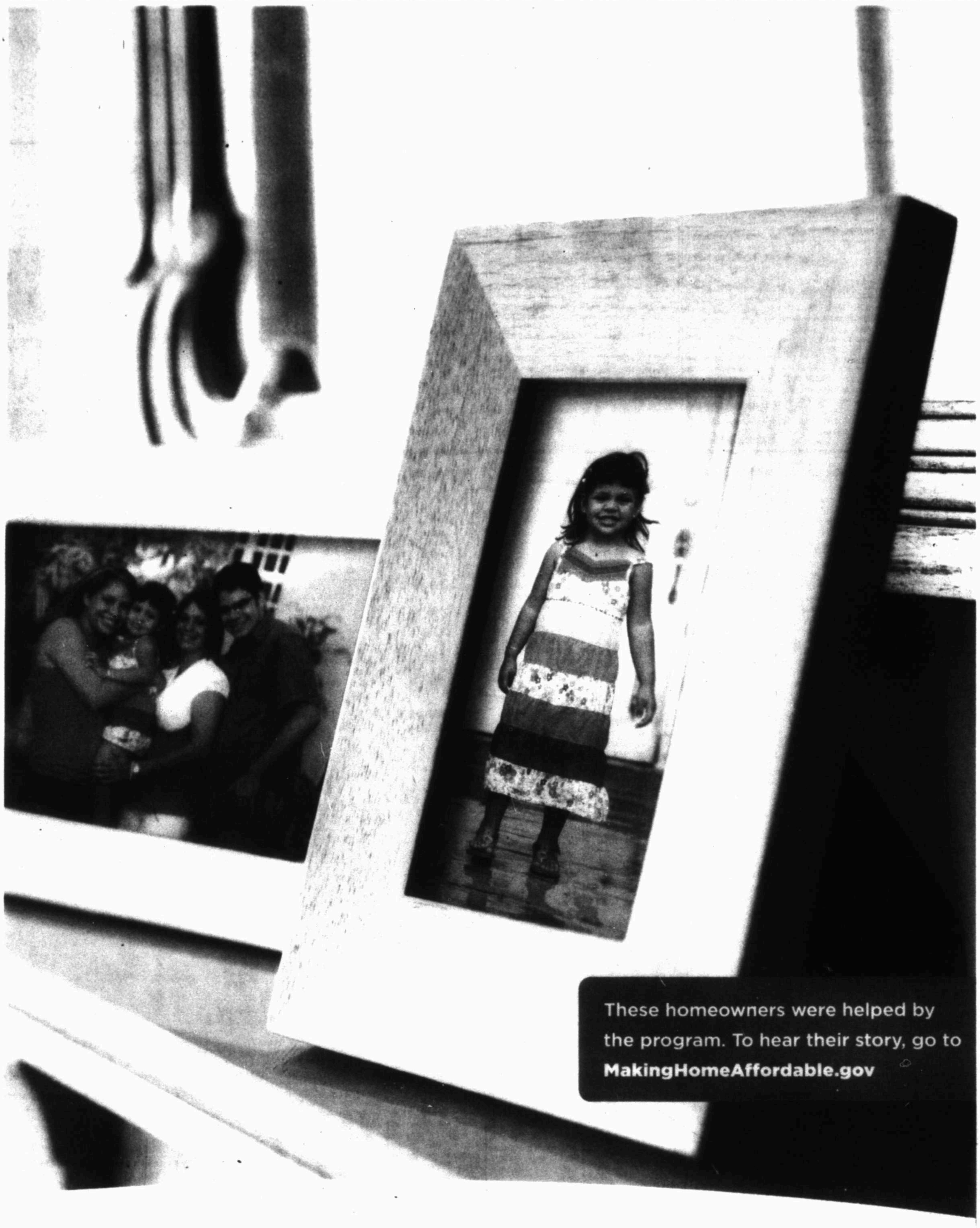

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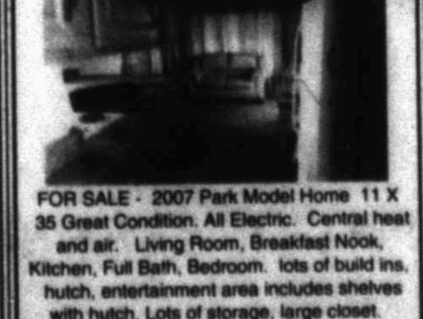

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Water Safety

It's fun to play in water whether at a pool, beach, lake, river or a water park but it is important to know your limits and stay safe. Remember, drowning can occur in less than two minutes.

Swimming Pool Safety Rules

Put a check mark next to the rules that make swimming in a pool safer. Cross out rules that do not make pools safer.

- ☐ Never go in the water alone. Always be sure an adult who can swim is watching you.
- ☐ Do not depend on inflatable toys or water wings to keep your head above water.
- ☐ Dive only from a diving board, not the side of the pool.
- ☐ Don't crawl or walk on a pool cover.
- ☐ Stay in the shallow end of the pool if you are not a strong swimmer.

ANSWER: Did you check them all? Great job!

Find It

Find these things hiding in this picture: a banana, a house, a crayon, a fish, a surfboard and a dinosaur.

Sort It

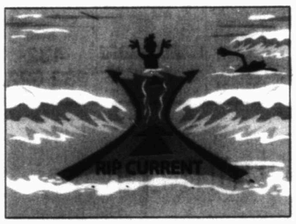
After finding the hidden pictures, sort each object by the number of syllables.

1 syllable	2 syllables	3 syllables

Standards Link: Vocabulary: Recognize syllables in words; decode words with two or more syllables.

Safety at the Beach

Waves and currents are a danger at the beach. Waves can knock you down and pull you out to sea. If you do get caught in the current, swim **parallel** to the shore as shown below. This will help you escape the current so you can make it back to shore.



Fill in the missing vowels.

W_ _RING W_T_R
SH_ES IN L_K_S
C_N PR_TECT
Y_ _R
F_ _T
FR_M
BR_KEN GL_SS AND
OTHER UND_RW_TER
H_ZARDS.

Extra! Extra!

Splashy Search

Look through the newspaper to find:

- A photo that shows a pool, lake or ocean.
- Something that helps you stay cool in the summer.
- Something that floats in the water.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Lifesaver Letter

Use the Lifesaver Letter code to find out what you should always wear when on a boat at the beach or lake.

▼ ❤ ▲ ● ◗ ✱ ▼ ★ ✤ ◗ ➤

CODE:

A=▼	J=✱
C=★	K=✤
E=◗	L=❤
F=●	T=➤
I=▲	Y=♦

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: students follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

INFLATABLE
PARALLEL
CURRENT
SAFETY
ESCAPE
DANGER
CRAYON
STRONG
CAUGHT
WATER
BEACH
RIVER
WAVES
POOL
TOYS

S	G	N	O	R	T	S	C	R	L	
E	L	E	E	O	A	U	R	E	N	
V	S	T	Y	S	R	H	L	V	N	
A	A	S	H	R	C	L	O	I	O	
W	F	O	E	A	A	A	O	R	Y	
W	E	N	E	R	T	O	P	S	A	
W	T	B	A	D	A	N	G	E	R	
I	Y	P	M	T	H	G	U	A	C	
E	L	B	A	T	A	L	F	N	I	

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

Weekly Writing Corner

My Own Water Game

I think getting wet is fun. First, you go to the store and buy a pack of water balloons. You can buy your own water gun too. Second, you go and find a hide out. You hide there until somebody says go. Third, the war begins. After you have "go", you dart around quickly in different directions dodging water balloons. If you get hit, you are out until the next round.

Evan Athayde, 4th grade, St Ann's

If I could invent a water game, it would be called "water balloon ski ball". Instead of rolling the balloon, you toss it in a can. There are two teams and each team gets ten water balloons. The cans are worth thirty, fifty, eighty, one hundred, and one thousand points. If you wake the balloon in the can you drop a penny and once you are done you count all the pennies in the can. If you make it in the one hundred can, and you have five pennies you get five hundred points. Once you are done counting, you add of the points and whoever gets the most points wins the game!

Julian Pequeno, 4th grade, St Ann's

My game is called the volcano. The first thing to do is you hook up the volcano to the hose. Second, you set up the mode you want. Next, you turn the volcano on. Fourth, watch everyone get wet!

Veronica Sanchez, 4th grade, St Ann's

My water game is called "The Water Games", like the Hunger Games. It will have ten water cannons and ten different kinds of water guns. The water cannons will be on the wall, two on the north wall and two on the south and three on the west wall and three on the east wall. I'm doing water cannons because they are going to be hitting the people and last one standing wins. Next, ten different types of guns, make the game most fun game. I want to make my game just like the Hunger Games but more safe because the guns have water bullets.

Elijah Courtice, 4th grade, St Ann's

My water game is called dead or alive. You play in a round pool where people throw water balloons at you. Make sure you're wearing a big green hat so you won't get hit. You have to make it work. That is how you play my game dead or alive.

Mia Rodriguez, 4th grade, St. Ann's

Write On!

Summer Jokes & Riddles

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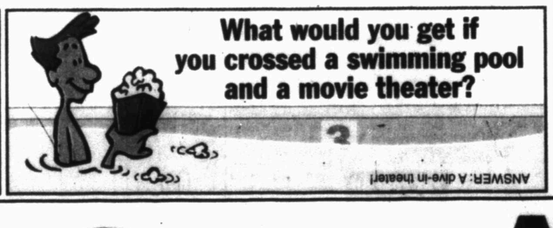
Water Journal

Clip and collect articles about creeks, rivers, lakes and all kinds of water. Make lists of people, agencies and places that appear in the articles. What are the main topics of discussion or issues about water in your newspaper?

Standards Link: History/Social Science: Understanding environmental issues in the local community.



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